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ABSTRACT

This first attempt to list child advocacy programs reflects the great variety and richness of advocacy efforts throughout the nation on behalf of children and youth. The listing includes strictly defined advocacy programs--both direct service, and planning and coordinating programs, as well as other services offered by agencies without defined advocacy programs. There is considerable fusion of advocacy activity with other direct services to individuals. Descriptions of program purposes, activities and other pertinent information are listed by states and regions. One index lists programs by their current emphases: adolescent parenthood, bilingual-bicultural advocacy, child welfare, developmental disabilities, juvenile delinquency. Native Americans, public education and recreation. A second index lists them by their current activities: legal action and assistance, legislative action, consultative services, research, maintaining responsive grievance procedures for students and community involvement. (KS)

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INTRODUCTION

This first attempt to list child advocacy programs reflects the great variety and richness of advocacy efforts throughout the Nation on behalf of children and youth. Taken together the descriptions suggest advocacy resources which may be available in communities and states. It is not an exhaustive listing.

An effort has been made to list those programs which have been established specifically to influence modification for improvement in practices and service of community institutions significantly affecting the lives of children and young people.

As is well known, there is considerable fusion of advocacy activity with other direct services to individuals. Also frequently agencies act on behalf of their clientele without having a defined advocacy program. A public relations program interpreting an agency's services and the needs of those served could be considered advocacy. Finally concerted efforts to increase coordinated planning can appreciably influence the services of an agency. However, none of these are identified here as discrete, separate advocacy programs.

This listing includes strictly defined advocacy programs. Descriptions of a few related direct service programs as well as planning and coordinating programs are included in a separate section of the publication. The distinction between some of these descriptions and some included in the listing may not be apparent. This fact only illustrates the difficulties inherent in trying to distinguish advocacy programs from other programs.

We hope that this listing will be useful not only to students and planners of advocacy for children, but that it also will stimulate communication among persons with similar interests and concerns. It contains illustrations of various types of programs and suggests similarities in practice. It includes programs in the process of organizing as well as well established and functioning programs. The listing can provide a base for further investigation and documentation of practice.

This publication is released with appreciation to all who are active on behalf of children and young people especially to those who prepared descriptions of their advocacy programs to help make this publication possible.

Helen V. Howerton

November, 1975

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HOW TO USE THIS LISTING

DESCRIPTIONS OF ADVOCACY PROGRAMS

How are the descriptions listed?

Descriptions are arranged by states, alphabetically.

At the end of the state list, several programs serving two to four states are listed as "Regional Programs."

What Information is Included?

Descriptions of state and local advocacy programs are included. Descriptions of national programs are not included with the exception of the federally financed National Association for Retarded Citizens project which is related to developing local and state programs.

The descriptions include the title of the program, name and address of the agency, name and telephone number of the person to contact for further information, a statement of the purpose of the program and a listing of current advocacy emphases and activities.

Respondents indicated whether their advocacy efforts were on behalf of individuals, groups or classes of children, or issues. They also checked strategies employed.

With the exception of an occasional minor editorial change, the descriptions are as written by the respondents. Tha National Center for Child Advocacy has not validated any of the information, nor does the inclusion of a program description imply endorsement.

Most of the descriptions were received in April and May, 1975. Forty-five percent of those approached initially, responded. A few additional requests were made at the suggestion of respondents. It may well be that staff, or programs have changed in the interim. However, the information is substantially current.

Code Explanation

At the bottom of each description is an italicized code which summarizes on whose behalf advocacy efforts are made and the strategies used.

The first line of codes, which are underscored, identify those on whose behalf advocacy efforts are made. Strategies used are listed on the second line. Since different interpretatations appear to have been attributed to some strategies, each should be viewed in conjunction with the purpose and activities of the given program.

All designations were made by the respondents. The apparent different interpretations are included in the code explanation provided at the end of this section.

This coding has been done particularly for internal use, to facilitate further study. However, others may also be interested in learning what various programs do in some one aspect of their work. The codes are to be computerized with the assistance of the Social Research Group of George Washington University under contract of OCD. When data is computerized, information can be secured through the National Center for Child Advocacy.

DESCRIPTIONS OF RELATED PROGRAMS

Several programs providing information did not appear to fit the definition of a clearly defined advocacy program whose activities are directed toward improvement in the functioning or services of an institution or community. Some of the descriptions appear to be direct service programs for those requiring them, rather than impacting another group to provide or improve the service.

The provision of a much needed service can be considered advocacy activity if the advocacy purpose is to demonstrate the feasibility of providing the direct service and the intent is to secure other agency sponsorship and provision of this service. The advocacy program then could turn its resources and attention to securing another improvement.

Other descriptions included here are of programs which appear to be coordinating and planning mechanisms rather than designed to influence improved coordination and planning by agencies responsible for the delivery or operation of programs.

The primary reason for trying to separate out advocacy activities is to understand them better to the end that persons and agencies undertaking advocacy can be more effective.

INDEXES

Two indexes are included. One lists programs by their current emphases. The other lists them by their current activities.

It is hoped that these lists will facilitate exchange of experience and knowledge and will stimulate further communication.

CODE EXPLANATION

all chdr	all children. Includes youth, if designated in description.
ch ab and neg	child abuse and neglect.
dev dis	developmentally disabled children; used as a comprehensive term; includes exceptional children.
foster chdr	foster children.
ment ret	mentally retarded.
inds	individuals.
grps	groups or classes of children.
cl	class action.
issu	issue.
admin	work with administrators. A few programs indicated that they worked for change both within the administrations or their own agencies (internal) as well as with administrators of other programs (external).
legis	legislative action. In addition to promoting and supporting participation in the legislative process to affect the formulation or adoption of specific legislation, this strategy seems also to include review of proposed legislation, study of exisiting laws, and identification of needed legislation.

pub ed	program of public education awareness. Apparently this approach is used extensively to focus public attention on particular needs and detrimental conditions as well as on possible remedies or services for the improvement of conditions.
leg act	legal action. Use of the courts and the judicial process.
coal bldg	coalition building. Convening groups and possibly individuals with like concerns to tackle a specific condition or problem.
org prgms	organize programs. This has been interpreted two ways. One is to organize other (local) continuing programs of advocacy such as local advocacy councils. The second interpretation is to organize a program of action to achieve a particular purpose, such as the provision of education for mentally retarded children.
tra adv	training advocates. This has also been interpreted two ways. One is to train persons to serve as advocates on the behalf of children and youth. The other is related to public education and awareness programs. The assumption, apparently, is that increased understanding leads to action. Thus education about conditions is expected to stimulate persons to be advocates.

ALASKA

Anchorage Child Abuse Board, Inc.
611 West Ninth Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501 Telephone: 907/274-5517

Contact Person: Milli Andreini

Purpose:
To provide multi-disciplinary consultation to community agencies and professionals regarding child abuse and neglect.
To offer public and professional community education programs.
To coordinate services to abusing and neglecting families.
To administer a volunteer Parent Aide Program.

Current activities:
- Consultation is available during a 2-hour meeting held every Friday.
- Board members and the coordinator presented thirty-six informal programs to various community groups between January and April, 1975.
- Services are coordinated to families by the coordinator of the Board in collaboration with persons working with the family.
- The Parent Aide Program has eleven Parent Aides working with families at the present time. A new group of Parent Aides is being recruited currently. Parent Aides are recruited, screened, trained and supervised by the coordinator of the Anchorage Child Abuse Board and Board members.

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ARIZONA

National Action for Foster Children - Arizona Committee
2844 Grand
Phoenix, Arizona 85017
Telephone: 602/949-1848

Contact Person: Kay Ekstrom

Purpose:
To upgrade foster care - Long range goals include separating children's services from other welfare services; recruiting and training foster parents. Public education re: foster care and adoptive homes.

Current advocacy activities:
T.V. and newspaper publicity re: foster care. General information meeting to acquaint families with need for foster and adoptive homes.

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Child Advocacy Coalition of Arizona
4737 E. St. Anne
Phoenix, Arizona 85040
Telephone: 602/968-0595

Contact Person: Carole Holman

Purpose:
The Child Advocacy Coalition is an organization of concerned citizens whose purpose is to promote the rights of all children in Arizona.

Current advocacy activities:
The Coalition is working on legislation benefiting children and documenting facts re: child care in order to advocate effectively for better services.

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Arizona Community Development Abuse and Neglect Project

Arizona Department of Economic Security
P.O. Box 6123
Phoenix, Arizona 85005 Telephone: 602/271-4441

Contact Person: Dr. Gloria Olsen

Purpose:

To provide training, technical assistance, and support to agencies and individuals involved in the prevention, detection and treatment of child abuse and neglect; to create knowledgeable, concerned groups of citizens and professionals to advocate on behalf of abused and neglected children and their families.

Current advocacy activities:

- Assessing needs throughout state in the field of child abuse and neglect.
- Compiling lists of actual and potential resources.
  Public education as to the existence and nature of child abuse and neglect.
- Broadening community participation.
- Training speakers bureaus.

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Arizona State 4-C (Community Coordinated Child Care) Committee

Arizona Department of Economic Security
Bureau of Community Support, Box 6123
Phoenix, Arizona 85005 Telephone: 602/271-5881

Contact Person: Dr. Carol Kamin

Purpose:

To serve as a mechanism for the coordination and promotion of quality, comprehensive services to children and to advise the Governor, the Department of Economic Security and other state agencies in the areas of unmet needs.

Current advocacy activities:

- Complete series of reports based on state-wide hearings.
- Establish network of local 4-C groups throughout the state whereby input from community is received at state level.
- Develop much needed day care licensing statute and an effective method for assuring passage.
- Review proposed legislation dealing with children and advocate for legislative reform.

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Child Advocate
Community Mental Health Center
20 H Street
San Rafael, California 94901 Telephone: 415/461-9100

Contact Person: Anne Robertson, Ph.D.

Purpose:
To identify and develop needed services to children in a Community Mental Health Center. To maintain these services (direct and indirect) at a level consistent with the percentage of children in our general population. To attend to child needs in the community as they develop.

Current advocacy activities:
Maintain direct and consultation services as above. We focus on prevention services and have developed the following: Divorce counseling, mourning counseling (for children who have had a divorce or death in their family), parent education.

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The California Children's Lobby
P.O. Box 448
Sacramento, California 95802 Telephone: 916/444-7477

Contact Person: Delmer J. Pascoe, M.D.

Purpose:
Advocate and lobby for legislation that will improve the lives of California children.

Current advocacy activities:
- Infant and child care-supporting legislation that will expand care in California.
- Foster care-supporting legislation that will revise and reform current foster care system in California.
- Juvenile Justice-supporting legislation that will revise juvenile court system.

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Citizen Advocates
Sacramento Association for the Retarded
2409 J Street
Sacramento, California 95816 Telephone: 916/443-6501

Contact Person: Frank B. Smith

Purpose:

-Match Mentally Retarded Child or Adults with "advocate"
-Develop a significant relationship
-Identify needs, document, and support Sacramento Association for the Retarded in follow up action.

Current advocacy activities:

-Recruit, train, and monitor advocates.
-Selection of mentally retarded child or adult with advocate.
-Follow up with parent(s), schools, social agencies in regards to changes noted, unserved needs, and identification of problems.
-Central collection of information geared towards developing strategies to meet the needs.

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Native American Children's Advocates
2680 O'Hare Avenue
San Pablo, California 94806 Telephone: 415/235-8472

Contact Person: Jennie R. Joe

Purpose:

To put together a formal organization of Native American Indians who are concerned and want to advocate for the needs of Native American children. The Native American Children's Advocates is an organization established to ensure that Native American children are reared in an environment which provides them the opportunity to develop to their fullest potential and to secure their rights as citizens of this country and members of their tribal community.

Current advocacy activities:

The group is in the process of getting incorporated and is looking for a small organizational grant. Once established, NACA will assist Indian communities with information on legislation and programs for children and families. Identify specific resources such as legal help, health and welfare.

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Sonoma County Citizen Advocacy Project
Sonoma County Citizen Advocacy, Inc.
300 South A.
Santa Rosa, California 95401 Telephone: 707/546-4622

Contact Person: Dennis Pankratz

Purpose:

To create a structured advocacy program where competent citizen volunteers (advocates) are matched with developmentally disabled children and adults (proteges) in one-to-one relationships, with advocates meeting specific unmet expressive and/or instrumental needs and ensuring that the handicapped person's rights and interests are safeguarded.

Current advocacy activities:

The Advocacy staff recruits, screens, trains, matches, and provides follow-up support to advocates in their one-to-one relationships. Advocates fill a variety of informal roles from friend to teacher, to formal roles of representative payee and conservator. In the past 20 months, 90 advocacy relationships have been established. The staff conducts an active public awareness program stressing the rights and dignity of developmentally disabled persons. Over 160 presentations have been made to various groups. The staff also responds to "advocacy issues" where handicapped persons' rights are violated.

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Colorado Citizen Advocacy Program
Colorado Association for Retarded Citizens
8000 East Girard, Suite 109
Denver, Colorado 80231 Telephone: 303/751-8659

Contact Person: Patrick E. Winters

Purpose:

To provide a one-to-one relationship to developmentally disabled individuals, matching volunteers (advocates) to mentally retarded and other developmentally disabled citizens (proteges). Advocates can assume roles which vary according to the needs of the impaired person. The state office coordinates and supervises 12 local programs including Ridge House in Wheatridge and other programs in the following counties: Adams, Arapahoe, Aurora, Boulder, Denver, El Paso, Fremont, Fort Morgan, Jefferson, Larimer, and Mesa.

Current advocacy activities:

Current activities include a mass media campaign using radio, TV, billboards, speakers, brochures, etc., to spread the word on Citizen Advocacy. Our hope is that this will not only help in the recruitment of more advocates, but will make us more visible in the communities of Colorado. We also have a legal advocacy branch that we work with very closely.

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CONNECTICUT

Information, Referral and Ombudsman Program

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Connecticut, Inc.
One State Street
New Haven, Connecticut 06511 Telephone: 203/772-2080

Contact Person: Janet T. Strom

Purpose:

A new Information, Referral and Ombudsman service to developmentally disabled individuals and their families in the Greater New Haven area. This IRO service aims at finding and using effectively all of the community resources which can be helpful in meeting the wide variety of requests, problems and needs of those who come to us.

Current advocacy activities:

IRO program and its Advisory Council are currently involved in researching areas of special interest to their consumer clientele. These areas include transportation, baby sitting, recreation, legislation, parent/consumer advocacy contact group, speaker's bureau, newsletter. The IRO Program has also involved itself in a coalition on the Community and Development Act funding. We have projects focusing on the need for adult recreation services, Community Public Awareness Day at IRO Service, and the unmet needs of the developmentally disabled in the Greater New Haven area.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Office of Child Health Advocacy
2125 13th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009 Telephone: 202/835-4152

Contact Person: Frederick C. Green, M.D.

Purpose:
To enhance the responsiveness of the hospital and health system to the recipients of care through identifying gaps and overlaps in services and coordinating such services; and monitoring the quality of care being delivered and initiating new services as needed.

Current advocacy activities:
Lead Poisoning - Developing and coordinating a city-wide consortium of agencies to eliminate the problem of lead poisoning in the District of Columbia.

Primary Care - Conceptualizing alternative approaches to more efficiently provide health care to infants, children and their families in Washington Metropolitan area - funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Out Patient Department - Modification of the Children's Hospital National Medical Center's ambulatory care services to function more efficiently for children and youth.

Child Abuse and Neglect - Implementing a new family oriented Child Abuse and Neglect Demonstration Center - funded by OCD.

Adolescent Parenthood - Upgrading our efforts in behalf of adolescent parents.

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FLORIDA

Citizen Advocacy Program
Florida Association for Retarded Citizens
P.O. Box 1542
Tallahassee, Florida 32302 Telephone: 904/222-0470

Contact Person: Carol L. Horvath

Purpose:
To develop, implement, and supervise a statewide advocacy program for developmentally disabled persons. The advocacy program uses the efforts of private citizens to deliver needed services to our developmentally disabled citizens.

Current advocacy activities:
Three Citizen Advocacy offices (Jacksonville, Gainesville, and Miami) offer a wide range of services, from friendship to legal advice. Citizen advocates work with individuals in institutions, group homes, sheltered workshops, independent living situations, pre-schools, and the like.

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Child Advocacy Commission - Florida Pediatric Society
Florida Chapter - American Academy of Pediatrics
Tallahassee, Florida

Contact Person: Dick Hoilohan

Purpose:
To establish a system of child advocacy per Forum #24 of the White House Conference on Children (1970). Primary thrust in medical service programs to medical indigent children.

Current advocacy activities:
- Legislative Act to establish a Commission of Child Advocacy.
- Legislative liasion re: funding and organizational recognition of children's medical service programs.
- Pediatric physician representation as advocates for priority consideration of children and youth needs.

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Child Advocacy Office
Florida Mental Health Institute
HRS Division of Mental Health
13301 North 30th Street
Tampa, Florida 33614 Telephone: 813/974-4615

Contact Person: Nelle D. Wheeler

Purpose:
Evolve a system whose components have two major objectives:
-educate the public as to the needs and rights of children
-insure, to the extent possible, that children's needs are met and their rights preserved.

Current advocacy activities:
- Advising and encouraging groups initiating child advocacy programs.
- Provide information on children's services, consultation, education and a conduit to other services for cooperative efforts.
- Provide training in child advocacy.
- Produce a newsletter for circulation within the mental health system.

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HAWAII

Child Advocacy Committee
Mental Health Association of Hawaii
200 North Vineyard Blvd., Suite 101
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817 Telephone: 808/521-1846

Contact Person: Carol Eblen

Purpose:

To advocate for the mental health needs of children and youth in our communities. Through social action (i.e. legislation) we work for improved diagnostic and treatment services and for programs aimed at preventing emotional problems in children and youth.

Current advocacy activities:

-We researched and documented the need for children's mental health services.

-We sponsored a legislative bill which became law in 1974 mandating the delivery of preventive, treatment and rehabilitative servcies for children and youth in Hawaii.

-The state hired 6 or 7 children's mental health team workers (social workers, psychologists, psychiatrists, educational therapist, etc.) to be appended to the already existing Community Mental Health Centers throughout the state. (Total of 60 persons were hired in 1975)

-We are setting up a monitoring system to evaluate delivery of services to children.

-We are servicing community advocate committees to insure that MHC's respond to the needs of the children in each area.

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ILLINOIS

Social Advocacy Department
United Charities of Chicago
64 E. Jackson Blvd. 7th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60604 Telephone: 312/939-5930 ext. 214

Contact Person: John D. Purdy

Purpose:

A service designed to improve life conditions of people and especially families. Its purpose is to see to it that systems and institutions which affect families work for and, where possible, with those families --- not against them. Program emphasis is on humanizing and making more effective the contacts of people with institutions - - both public and private - - and the framework within which institutions serve people.

Current advocacy activities:

Currently our committee and staff are relating in several ways at various levels to the Illinois Department of Public Aid. Since the function or malfunction of this system has great impact upon a large number of our clients, activities range from challenges by our Legal Aid Bureau where regulations are not upheld, to the providing of systems experts for intake design. Also working on public education and health.

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Child Advocacy
Illinois Commission on Children
3 West Old State Capitol Plaza, Room 206
Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: 217/782-7833

Contact Person: Naomi Hiett

Purpose:

The development and promotion of solutions to meet the needs of children are the basis for the workload of the Commission. This is carried on through special project committees and consultation and preparation of materials for persons in policy-making responsibilities. A unique feature of the Commission on Children has been and continues to be that working committees of the Commission not only have responsibility for the fact finding and determination of the scope of the problem, but the responsibility for helping to bring about the implementation of the solutions they develop.

Current advocacy activities:

Rights of minors, deinstitutionalization of children when necessary, diversion from court proceedings when unnecessary, limitations on detention, right to treatment when custody removed, appropriate educational services, protection from exploitation in child labor, interrelationship of preventive services to remedial services, duties of State Administration for delivery of services as opposed to authorizations or authority to do so but no mandate, comprehensive planning as opposed to fragmented planning.

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Mayor's Office of Child Care Services
123 West Madison Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602 Telephone: 312/744-7810

Contact Person: Murrell Syler

Purpose:
Coordinates all child care services for the City of Chicago, including licensing of day care centers, program planning, training programs and support services. Activities are directed toward the improvement of Child Care Programs and effective utilization of existing child care services.

Current advocacy activities:
Provides referral services, technical assistance and counseling to prospective and existing day care center operators. Community groups, individuals, agencies, and organizations, providing child care services, are given information about child care. Conducts studies and research to identify areas of need and service gaps and assist in the development of program plans to fill identified needs.

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The Child Advocate Association
19 South LaSalle Street #401
Chicago, Illinois 60603 Telephone: 312/263-0406

Contact Person: Thomas Hanrahan

Purpose:
To improve social and legal services for abused and neglected children.

Current advocacy activities:
The Association has several specific goals, including:
- the establishment of hospital based, interdisciplinary, inter-agency child abuse teams at key hospitals in Cook County.
- the development of a pool of volunteer attorneys from major downtown law firms to provide legal assistance in child abuse cases.
- the provision of legal and social work consultation to medical personnel, social workers, and other professionals dealing with child abuse.

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IOWA

Iowa Children's Lobby

Iowa Children's and Family Services
1101 Walnut
Des Moines, Iowa 50309 Telephone: 515/288-1981

Contact Person: Jo Herren, Chairperson
Head Start Training Office
Department of Child Development
Iowa State University
Ames, Iowa 50010

Purpose:

A coalition of providers, professionals and consumers to work for improved legislation for children.

Current advocacy activities:

- Developing a working, lobbying board
- Establishing an office with paid staff

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Polk County Committee for Juvenile Justice

2830 University
Des Moines, Iowa Telephone: 515/271-2796

Contact Person: Elizabeth Turner

Purpose:

- Advocate for new juvenile legislation
- Encourage development of alternatives to institutions

Current emphases:

- Change in juvenile laws to remove status offenses and to insure counsel for the child early in the process.
- Emphasizing coordination in planning new programs.

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Sub-Committee on Placement and Protective Services
Community Survey, Inc.
505 East First Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309 Telephone: 515/283-4088

Contact Person: Senator Philip B. Hill and Helen McDonald,
Co-chairpersons

Purpose:

To develop plans and proposals and to seek community action through volunteer, citizens committee acting in response to recommendations for improved adoption, foster care, group home, institutional and protective services contained in a comprehensive survey of social, health and recreation needs and services in Greater Des Moines.

Current advocacy activities:

Activity stems from a preliminary report issued in June, 1974, that proposes fundamental community policy calling for a planned division of responsibility between public and private service sectors and between the state welfare department and the county juvenile court. Individual proposals provide concrete examples of policy recommendations. Included are recommendations for improved data systems to improve administration, planning and overall accountability. Proposals also see a centralized case management function to assure consistency and continuity in care and to establish clear accountability for services rendered to children whose cases become the responsibility of various jurisdictions.

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KENTUCKY

Advocacy Project for Exceptional Children
Bureau for Social Services
Department of Human Resources
403 Wapping Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 Telephone: 502/564-5430

Contact Person: Curt D. Ehrmantraut

Purpose:

To test effectiveness of citizens, with staff support, as advocates for exceptional children working on a coordinated basis through governmental structures at the state and regional level. To provide citizens an opportunity to work together in defining needs and working toward implementation of recommendations.

Current advocacy activities:

At state level current activities include: development of/and supportive staffing to coalitions of voluntary and professional organizations; informing citizens of and facilitating participation in development of legislation, and implementing regulations. Provision of mechanism for citizens to define concerns, research issues, communicate concerns to appropriate officials and implement recommendations. Specific issues include: Teacher training, funding of special education, right to appropriate educational programs, lead poisoning, guardianship, transportation, architectural barriers. District level also includes staffing of steering committees with more emphasis on interagency linkages. Issues/activities include: parent education, public awareness, demonstration screening program, recreational opportunities, local utilization of resources for education of exceptional children.

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Institute for Children
Department for Human Resources
212 Washington Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 Telephone: 502/564-6786

Contact Person: Director, Institute for Children

Purpose:

To advise the Citizen's Commission for Human Resources, the Secretary for Human Resources and other officials of Commonwealth on policy matters relating to the development and delivery of services to children from birth to 18 years of age and the developmentally disabled of all ages. Institute will also facilitate regular and meaningful communication between citizens and state officials.

Current advocacy activities:

Immediate priorities are: (1) establishment of a comprehensive program for early detection of children's health and development problems; (2) development of master plan for provision of preventive and treatment services to children with emotional problems.

Institute has established following Task Groups and Committees to carry out its activities: Early Childhood Development; Children with Emotional Problems; Juvenile Delinquency; Early Detection; Advocacy for Exceptional Children; Developmental Disabilities Council; and Review and Evaluation.

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Family Advocacy
Family Service Society
535 Gravier Street
3rd Floor
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130 Telephone: 504/524-7471

Contact Person: Robert R. Quintana, Jr.

Purpose:
The Family Advocacy Program is directed toward the improvement of social conditions affecting families, especially those most at risk.

Current advocacy activities:
The agency has been involved in serving as a catalyst to obtain better health services for the poor through the medicaid program. The following have been achieved: simplification of vendor card system allowing freer access to services, more community information on the program, the establishment of an advisory committee on the state level with consumer input.

The agency has been part of a coalition to raise welfare to AFDC recipients. Up to this point, a $30 - $40 raise per grant has been achieved.

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4-C (Community Coordinated Child Care)
Bureau of Early Childhood Development
State Department of Education
P. O. Box 44064
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804 Telephone: 504/389-6921

Contact Person: Betty B. Blaize

Purpose:

4-C/BECD was created by executive order in 1973 to plan, advocate and coordinate more and better services to Louisiana children and their parents. Presently 4-C has three model projects: Exploring Childhood, Child Abuse/Neglect and Local 4-C Projects.

Current advocacy activities:

Exploring childhood model projects have been established in two parishes to give high school and junior high students an opportunity to observe the intellectual, emotional and physical growth of young children in a day care setting.

Local 4-C projects strive to duplicate the above mentioned projects in their own locale or to set up projects to meet the needs of their own particular community.

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Governor's Committee on Children and Youth
State House
Augusta, Maine 04330 Telephone: 207/289-2284 - 5

Contact Person: Laurence Allin

Purpose:
Advocacy for programs that affect all children in all areas of their lives.

Current advocacy activities:
Report recently submitted to the Governor and the Legislature with recommendations in eighteen areas of unmet needs of children and youth in health, welfare, mental health, corrections and education.

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Child Advocacy
The Counseling Center
43 Illinois Avenue
Bangor, Maine 04401 Telephone: 207/947-0366

Contact Person: Maynard Kreider

Purpose:
To serve as a feedback and corrective system to improve the performance of all agencies affecting children, and to develop effective consumer based child advocacy structures at the community and catchment areas.

Current advocacy activities:
- Building a network of personal contacts at the community level.
- To identify emergent issues and needs at the community level, and to support local groups in problem identification, research, and effective action.
- To train consumers and "providers" in advocacy techniques.
- To serve as a channel for communication between the state legislature and individuals and agencies concerned about needs of children and youth.
- To facilitate development of a state-wide structure for child advocacy.

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MARYLAND

Montgomery County Community Coordinated Child Care (4-C) Council
14 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850 Telephone: 301/279-1773

Contact Person: Meg Riesett

Purpose:
To be a catalytic resource in area of children's services.
To improve quality of all services to children.
To better coordinate existing services.

Current advocacy activities:
- Information to citizens via newsletter and special reports; also media publicity.
- Collecting data on children's services.
- Analyzing state, federal and local legislation.
- Technical assistance to day care centers, including on-going workshops for center directors.
- Analyzing and reviewing proposed new services for city government.

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Advocacy Program
Carroll County Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.
12 Court Street
Westminister, Maryland 21157 Telephone: 301/848-4124

Contact Person: Curtis D. Myers

Purpose:
To give another dimension in a retarded person's life. Also to assist the parents in helping their children have more activity, while giving the parents needed respite. We want to be beneficial to all, including the advocate.

Current advocacy activities:
Our program is in its infant stages with CCARC. It was started as a project on the Western Maryland College Campus. The CCARC is developing it to allow for more county-wide participation and a better organization with the advocate-protege relationship.

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one-to-one relationship between advocate and protege.

Maryland Action for Foster Children, Inc.
941 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202 Telephone: 301/837-0731

Contact Person: Virginia M. Zeller

Purpose:
Work to improve care and services to foster children.
Build public awareness of the needs of foster children.
Help recruit foster parents.

Current advocacy activities:
We ran a workshop emphasizing correcting wrong impressions about foster care and recruiting foster parents. Baltimore City - January 1975.
We ran a two day "Conference on Caring" in Cecil County - Maryland through our county committee with emphasis on public education and recruitment. This was our tie-in with the NAFC action week program in May 1975.
We worked for implementation of the Liability Insurance Legislation that we inspired and succeeded in having passed into law in 1974.
Currently working on a law suit to have the Governor of Maryland show cause why he cut the budget and did not implement the rate increase for foster care monthly payments to families, as he signed into law to begin July 1,1975.

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B.A.R.C. Citizen Advocacy Program
4800 York Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21212 Telephone: 301/323-5600 ext. 45

Contact Person: John A. Wheeler

Purpose:
The BARC Citizen Advocacy Program is in anwer to the need for such a program in the Baltimore City and Maryland areas.
The program will conform to the guidelines as formulated by the National Association for Retarded Citizens Advocacy Program and those agencies so designated by it, such as the MARC.

Current advocacy activities:
-organizing local programs
-interpreting programs and needs
-matching advocates and proteges

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Maryland 4-C Committee (Community Coordinated Child Care)
1123 North Eutaw Street, Suite 600
Baltimore, Maryland 21201 Telephone: 301/383-5620

Contact Person: Majorie D. Teitelbaum

Purpose:
Provide the organizational framework for the improvement and expansion of child care and child development programs with primary emphasis on the public service delivery system.

Current advocacy activities:
- Distribution and interpretation of A Maryland State Plan for Coordinated Child Development Services published in February 1975.
- Distribution and interpretation of the Hours Between - Community Responses to School Age Child Care, published in March, 1975.
- Organization and maintenance of county 4-C Councils.
- Publication of a bimonthly newsletter (4,000 copies).
- Selected activity on special pieces of legislation.
- Central Resource for Information and Referral.

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Help for Children
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office for Children (Region V)
1001 Watertown Street
West Newton, Massachusetts 02165 Telephone: 617/965-5774

Contact Person: David C. Parachini

Purpose:

For the parent of a handicapped child, for a teacher who knows of children who are being abused, or for a teenager with problems, help is not always easy to find. There can be confusion, red tape and dead ends.

Help for Children is an advocacy program administered by the State Office for Children. It is designed to help these children and their parents to "get through the system."

Current advocacy activities:

Currently engaged in a wide range of advocacy issues including:
Special education services
Protective services
Review of state psychiatric inpatient facility for children
Survey of residential alternatives for adolescents
Interdepartmental coordination of children's services

Note: State Office for Children is located at 120 Boylston Street, Boston, 022116; Help for Children is one activity, and programs are located throughout the state.

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Help for Children
Office for Children
1618 Main Street 4th Floor(405)
Springfield, Massachusetts 01103 Telephone: 413/733-4161 or 62

Contact Person: Roger Brunelle or Linda Grafton

Purpose:
Provides information-referral-follow-up-advocacy on individual case basis--Any problem involving children to age 18.

Current advocacy activities;
Individual case advocacy

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Massachusetts Committee on Children and Youth
Massachusetts Fund on Children and Youth
9 Newbury Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116 Telephone: 617/267-8650

Contact Person: Dr. Harold Goldmeier

Purpose:
To promote the best interests of children and youth in the State of Massachusetts, with special emphasis on health and welfare issues.

Current advocacy activities:
- High Risk Infants - children born to drug dependent women
- School-Age pregnancy
- Improving access of handicapped children to vocational education
- Problems of Runaways

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Demonstration Program of Advocacy for Physically Handicapped Children

Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Massachusetts
14 Somerset Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108 Telephone: 617/227-9608

Contact Person: Janet A. Minch

Purpose:

The national project is in the third year of a five year program. The first three years were demonstrated in Massachusetts, the purpose of which was to develop Model Programs in Advocacy for physically handicapped children. The models to be replicated throughout the country are: 1. Individual Advocacy Model 2. Legal Rights Handbook Model 3. Corporate Barriers Model and 4. Consumer Involvement Model.

Current advocacy activities:

Current activity is the development of materials to be utilized by other Easter Seal Society affiliates throughout the country for use in advocacy efforts. These materials include training packages, program models, how to develop an advocacy role and information packages.

Ongoing monitoring activities within Massachusetts to meet the needs of the handicapped and to insure their rights to education, and to act as an advocate spokesman for the disabled.

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MICHIGAN

Michigan State Citizen Advocacy Services
Michigan Association for Retarded Citizens
416 Michigan National Tower
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Contact Person: Kathleen A. Draugalis

Purpose:

To establish a coordinated system of providing statewide citizen advocacy services to developmentally disabled individuals in Michigan by: 1) developing a structured state plan that can be implemented in any community; 2) stimulate community interest and involvement; 3) determine possible extent of need in each locale; 4) identify and acquire sources of funding for planned local programs; 5) hire and train local citizen advocacy coordinators; 6) develop and disseminate materials to be used by local coordinators and advocates; and 7) assist in in-service training of citizen advocates.

Current advocacy activities:

We are currently working on seventeen citizen advocacy projects around the state, which are in different stages of development. They include county and institutional models.

We also have developed training packets for local coordinator and advocates with the assistance of NARC's Child Advocacy Project staff.

The state citizen advocacy project has been in operation since July 1, 1974.

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Departmental Advocacy Program

Michigan Department of Social Services
Suite 810A, 300 South Capitol Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48962 Telephone: 517/372-2067

Contact Person: Joseph L. Webster

Purpose:

To provide all levels of staff with a workable opportunity to modify or change Departmental policies that can be considered as dehumanizing or unjust in terms of their impact on Departmental recipients.

Current advocacy activities:

The mechanism of internal advocacy is not used as much as the Executive staff would hope. Its use, by design, requires some thoughtful research and constructive approaches to the solution of the concerns.

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School Youth Advocacy Program

Michigan Department of Social Services
300 South Capitol Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48926 Telephone: 517/373-8225

Contact Person: Paul Bader

Purpose:

To prevent youth from entering our juvenile justice system and to provide programming for schools which may serve as an alternative to suspension and expulsion.

Current advocacy activities:

Group meetings held daily, using guided group interaction to allow youngsters to get help with their problems and at the same time, experience the pleasure of helping others.

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Michigan Community Coordinated Child Care Council (4-C)
Department of Management and Budget
Lewis Cass Building, 1st Floor
Lansing, Michigan 48913 Telephone: 517/373-7961

Contact Person: Susan G. Brook

Purpose:
The Michigan 4-C Council advocates, plans and coordinates for quality and effectiveness in the provision of services to children. The Council provides assistance to local/regional 4-C organizations throughout the state for community based coordination and child advocacy.

Current advocacy activities:
The Michigan 4-C Councils's activities are based upon its advocacy, coordination and technical assistance functions. Current activities include regional forums on children's services, informational materials development and distribution, a status report on campus child care resources, analyses of child care legislation and regulation, and individualized assistance to local/regional 4-C's.

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MINNESOTA

Family and Children's Service
414 Eighth Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404 Telephone: 612/340-7444

Contact Person: Jerri Sudderth/Alta Quello/Earl Beatt

Purpose:
A professional service designed to improve life conditions for families by harnessing direct and expert knowledge of family and children's needs with a commitment to action and application of skills to produce necessary community change.

Current advocacy activities:
Family and Children's Service has developed an advocacy program which has a unique component, that of hiring minority professionals to work with minority communities. In particular, the agency has a Native American MSW whose primary responsibility is working with the Native American community. One of his concerns is making appropriate counseling services available to Native American families, either through this or other agencies.

Two functions of the Advocacy Unit particularly relevant to Child Advocacy:

1. Community Organization
   Work with community organizations and agencies, developing and facilitating the implementation of programs to meet unmet needs. Examples of two projects are:
   - With the Family Life Education Unit, developing a pilot program of self-awareness for Black teenage girls in a local street academy.
   - With a coalition of groups concerned about chemical dependency, developing a group program for pre-teens whose parents are chemically dependent.

2. Advocacy Issues
   Attempting to bring about positive changes in those dysfunctional institutions, systems, and attitudes which negatively affect families. For example, with a local welfare rights organization, working to establish an on-going awareness program for financial assistance workers in the welfare department to help them in dealing with AFDC recipients.

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Enablers, Inc.
1234 Baker Building
706 Second Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402 Telephone: 612/333-6221

Contact Person: Jaqueline O'Donoghue

Purpose:
To provide support and assistance to agencies that serve youth in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.

Current advocacy activtites:
- Provide emergency and start up funding for youth serving agencies
- Provide assistance in fund raising, program development, financial management, and physical property
- Publish a directory of youth agencies and a newsletter for youth agencies
- Sponsor legislative intern to monitor youth related legislation
- Special projects: Girl Programming, Youth on Boards

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The City Inc. - Legal Project
The City Inc.
1536 E. Lake Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407 Telephone: 612/724-2117

Contact Person: David Nasby

Purpose:
To provide advocacy and support for youth from this neighborhood in the process of adjudication.

Current advocacy activities:
Through a program of "peer advocacy" the entire peer group begins to assume responsibility for the development of positive behavior patterns in one of its members and as a result there is conscious examination of behavior alternatives.
Maintains a liason with probation officers, parole officers, police and numerous community resources for chemical treatment.
Maintains a prison visitation program for friends and relatives of inmates in state institutions. This has been implemented with the belief that inmates must maintain relationship with family members as an essential ingredient for successful return to the community.

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Youth Advocacy

St. Paul Public Schools
360 Colborne Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102 Telephone: 612/298-5872

Contact Person: Frederick Wolf

Purpose:

To give specialized attention, especially in education, to young persons who are on parole to the State of Minnesota or probation to Ramsey County and those who are pre-delinquent as judged by school professional staffs.

To help schools play a more vital role in the rehabilitation of these young people.

To bridge the gap between various agencies and the adjudicated youth.

Current advocacy activities:

Public relations, local conferences to develop program objectives, effort to construct appropriate strategies for change in systems to aid students. Ongoing evaluation data collection.

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Greater St. Paul Council for Coordinated Child Care

355 Marshall
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102 Telephone: 612/222-0541

Contact Person: Gary Winget

Purpose:

Goal: child care and development services for every parent and child who wants or needs them.

Objectives: to help families meet their child care and development needs; to support child care and development programs; to advocate more and better child care and development programs.

Current program activities:

- -Planning and coordination of child care programs
- -Information and referral regarding child care
- -Family Day Care Training Project
- -Center in-service training
- -Toys 'n Things Child Development Resource Center
- -Toymobile

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MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi State Child Development Council
Governor's Office of Education and Training
Suite 182, Universities Center
3825 Ridgewood Road
Jackson, Mississippi 39211 Telephone: 601/354-7529

Contact Person: Frances H. Williams

Purpose:

To design and implement a comprehensive statewide planning and development process for child development; establish policies and procedures for statewide planning; coordinate and monitor child development programs throughout MS; publish an annual comprehensive child development plan and policy for MS; make recommendations to the Legislature for needed statutory reforms in the field of child development; provide public records and information as well as a forum for discussion of child development programs and problems, for elected officials, public and private agencies, and the general public.

Current advocacy activities:

-Establish funding priorities for Appalachian Regional Commission Child Development Projects, monitor and evaluate projects.
-Study legislation affecting children at National and State levels.
-Respond to proposals either negatively or positively, encourage cooperation of human resource agencies on behalf of children and their families.

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Governor's Committe for Children and Youth

3825 Ridgewood Road, Suite 182
Jackson, Mississippi 39211 Telephone: 601/354-7074

Contact Person: Ellen Perkinson

Purpose:
Child Advocacy
Information Source
Promotion of services and programs for children and youth

Current advocacy activities:

- Newsletter - purpose of which is to identify good services for children throughout the state.
- Sponsoring three Education for Parenthood conferences to provide information about materials and programs in other states.
- Resource file of services for children and youth.

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MISSOURI

Governor's Committee for Children and Youth
Broadway State Office Bldg.
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101 Telephone: 314/751-2445

Contact Person: Marie Williams

Purpose:

To serve as an advocate for all children and youth; to advise and and assist the Governor and other appropriate state officials and state legislators in initiating, evaluating, and implementing programs and policies that affect children and youth; to work with public and private agencies, citizens, and community organizations to affect implementation of programs and to help implement state and national recommendations from the 1970-71 White House Conferences on Children and Youth.

Current advocacy activities:

Initiating and sponsoring legislation concerned with child abuse and neglect reporting, the interstate compact on the placement of children,and supporting legislation concerned with prevention programs in the juvenile justice field, pupil personnel services, and appropriations for children 's services and programs; training advocates for children, such as the project with the United Methodist Women of Missouri; sponsorship of an annual Youth Legislative Forum; developing a statewide Directory of Youth Services; focusing on the reduction of infant mortality and the addition of pediatric drugs to the state medicaid formula implementation of Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Service; and related activities.

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MONTANA

Child and Youth Development Bureau
Social and Rehabilitation Services
P.O. Box 1723
Helena, Montana 59601 Telephone: 406/449-3724

Contact Person: Charles F. McCarthy

Purpose:
- Provide access to socially acceptable roles
- Reduce negative labeling
- Ameliorate alienation
- Institutional change through community organization and advocacy
- Program planning, development and implementation

Current advocacy activities:
- Alternative schools; alternative care (group homes, attention homes, treatment center, foster care and day care development); shelter care and detention planning; recreation; adventure; team intervention; volunteerism; juvenile defense; teacher training.
- Collect and disseminate child development information.
- Provide technical assistance and training to local communities and 4C's.

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Montana Advisory Council on Children and Youth
P.O. Box 1723
Helena, Montana 59601 Telephone:406/449-3146

Contact Person: Clark E. Welch

Purpose:
Build programs and recommendations for action.
Stimulate cooperation and coordination.
Facilitate widespread involvement with children and youth issues.

Current advocacy activities:
- Plan, conduct, train, and involve volunteers in regular and special-need workshops
- Work with Local Government Study Commissions urging them to include youth in local governments.
- Develop leadership competencies.
- Safeguard the rights of those under 18 years of age as stipulated in Section 15, Article II of the 1972 Montana Constitution.

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4-C's Community Coordinated Child Care
Billings Voice for Children
928 Broadwater, Suite 221
Billings, Montana 59201 Telephone: 406/245-6157

Contact Person: Jean Blackledge or Larry Burns

Purpose:
The primary purpose of this project is to encourage community coordinated planning for child welfare services (1) to act as child advocates (2) to catalyze the development of needed children's services (3) enable coordination of existing services (4) to develop community awareness of child welfare issues.

Current advocacy activities:
- Upgrade quality of day care through coordination of training services at the local and state level.
- Assessing current services to children.
- Acting as clearinghouse for information about day care, child development and related topics.
- Identify areas where services are not accessible or not being provided and mobilizing community efforts to fill needs.

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Citizen Advocacy Program
Easter Seal Adult Training Center
4400 Central Avenue
Great Falls, Montana 59401 Telephone: 406/761-6538

Contact Person: Larry Burton

Purpose:
To initiate positive changes in local community's attitudes concerning mental retardation. Harnessing the massive local volunteer power yet to be utilized will enhance the community's acceptance and its sense of responsibility for the mentally retarded individuals currently residing in Great Falls, Montana.

Current advocacy activities:
Our local program is presently a part of the Easter Seal Adult Training Center. To avoid any conflict of interest from our alliance with a service delivery agency, the program will "spin off" on its own on July 1, 1975. When appropriate funding is found, the program will expand to encompass the North Central Region of Montana. One year later, the program will be state-wide. Funding and construction of materials, structures, and public communication strategies are our present activities.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

Child Advocacy Program
Child and Family Services of New Hampshire
99 Hanover Street
Manchester, New Hampshire 03101 Telephone: 603/668-1920

Contact Person: Jack Lightfoot

Purpose:
The purpose of our advocacy program is to insure that the community systems, bureaucracies, and institutions with direct bearing on children and their families work for them, rather than against them.

Current advocacy activities:
1) Involving community mental health agencies and others in evaluating and meeting problems confronting children; 2) involving parents and professionals, through a state-wide coalition, in working toward meeting the educational rights of handicapped children; 3) involving individuals and groups in organizing the NH committee on Teenage Pregnancy and Parenthood; 5) continued efforts in advocating improved legislation on behalf of children.

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New Jersey State Committee on Children and Youth
Office of Youth Services
Department of Community Affairs
363 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625 Telephone: 609/292-5854

Contact Person: Director

Purpose:
Derived from the delegates to the 1970 White House Conference on Children and Youth, the New Jersey State Committee acts as the governor's advocacy body for the children and youth in the State, with the power to investigate, evaluate, report, recommend and urge change.

Current advocacy activities:
The State Committee has been involved in reform of the State Juvenile Code; advocacy for handicapped children, the right to read, and the right to health care; reform the problem of child abuse; improvement of the quality of education for all children

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Citizen Advocacy Program
55 High Street
Mt. Holly, New Jersey 08060 Telephone: 609/267-5880

Contact Person: Maxine J. Prescott

Purpose:
Match volunteer citizen advocates on a one-to-one basis with disabled (cerebral palsied, mentally retarded and epileptic) children and/or the children of retarded adults.

Current advocacy activities:
- Direct advocacy
- Volunteer advocates matched to families in which children are being abused
- Training of service agencies, specifically aimed toward resources for retarded

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Coalition for Children of New Jersey
602 Greenwood Avenue
Trenton, New Jersey 08608   Telephone: 609/396-1583

Contact Person: Albert Waxman

Purpose:

Assess needs and problems of children and youth requiring public remedy; analyze current laws, policies and programs affecting the well-being of children and youth; develop the needed plans and carry out the appropriate strategies to produce change to benefit children and youth of New Jersey.

Current advocacy activities:
-Planning for Title XX Social Security
-Child care licensing
-Early periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment program (medicaid) EPSDT
-Child care funding by state of New Jersey

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NEW MEXICO

State Children's Services System
State Youth Services System
New Mexico Committee on Children and Youth
604 Mountain Road, N.E. P.O. Box 26584
Albuquerque. New Mexico 87125 Telephone: 505/842-3049

Contact Person: Arthur Armijo

Purpose:

1) Act as a focal point for children's services, youth development and delinquency prevention, 2) coordinate planning and program efforts between children and youth service providers, 3) act as a children and youth advocate, 4) provide and maintain technical assistance to local, state, and federal entities, 5) act as a clearinghouse on programs, services, data and other information affecting children and youth.

Current advocacy activities:

-Children and Youth Information Center (statewide);
-Technical assistance and program development to local communities;
-An examination of agency statutes, policies and legislation affecting children and youth;
-Needs assessment and program planning in special areas of concern;
-Creation of state council on children and youth services;
-Identify supportive services which can be linked in order to provide comprehensive quality care.

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NEW YORK

Advocacy Project
United Cerebral Palsy Association of N.Y. State Inc.
815 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10017 Telephone: 212/682-7010

Contact Person: Robert Schenhorn

Purpose:
To promote legislation to improve programming and societal conditions for the developmentally disabled; to involve consumers in UCPA policy making and planning functions; to develop programs to fill service gaps; to assist in providing community alternatives for institutionalized cerebral palsied.

Current advocacy activities:
Development of a community residential and rehabilitation facility for 50 Willow Brook patients. Plans for a children's community facility in the Bronx.

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New York State Committee for Children
44 Holland Avenue
Albany, New York 12229 Telephone: 518/474-1618

Contact Person: Irving Zeitz

Purpose:
A temporary advisory body to state government. Special concern - - needs of handicapped children and those at high risk. Promotes linkages among state and local government and the private sector to reduce fragmentation and promote citizen awareness and advocacy on behalf of appropriate services for all children in the state.

Current advocacy activities:
- Encourages local citizen interest in child advocacy improvement of children's services.
- Present emphasis on establishing permanent commission on services to children and youth.

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Citizens' Committee for Children of New York, Inc.
2 Park Avenue, Room 2310
New York, New York 10016 Telephone: 212/725-7940

Contact Person: Henry Saltzman

Purpose:
Non-profit, research and action organization devoted to the improvement and delivery of services for children in New York.

Current advocacy activtites:
- On-going Projects: Section on Children's Rights and Welfare; Health Section; Orientation Course for Community Leadership.
- Special Projects (1 to 2 years for completion): Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT/CHAP) Project; Task Force on Children of Mentally Ill Mothers; Task Force on Group Homes; Task Force on Special Education; Project for Decentralization of School Food Programs.
- Other short-term projects.
- Litigation: Amicus in Woodruff v. Lavine (implementation of EPDST in New York State) and Wilder v. Sugarman (religious and racial discrimination in foster care).

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School Law Clinic
University of New York at Buffalo
507 O'Brian Hall, North Campus
Buffalo, New York 14260 Telephone: 716/636-2167

Contact Person: Norman S. Rosenberg

Purpose:
The program is designed to provide legal representation to indigent children and their parents who are experiencing legal problems with the public schools in Western New York.

Current advocacy activities:
The focus of our activity is representation of individual clients on cases involving procedural and substantive legal issues related to the public schools. Primary emphasis has been on representation of pupils in administrative suspension hearings and judicial proceedings initiated to compel school districts to provide handicapped children with mandated education services.

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Queens Lay Advocate Service

Alternative Solutions for Exceptional Children
29-28 41 Avenue, Room 508
Long Island City, New York 11101 Telephone: 212/786-9100

Contact Person: Miriam Thompson

Purpose:

Through use of child advocates and attorneys, represents student and parent grievances in the NYC public schools to insure and protect every child's right to an education.

Current advocacy activities:

- Publishes the "Advocate" quarterly which provides case studies, education law, advocacy skills, news of workshops, exposes issues of public concern, organizes to rally community support.
- The project is focusing on dropout, truants, handicapped children.
- Examines Board of Education budget priorities and allocation of resources.
- Specific issues include:
  Excessive High School drop-out levels
  Quality of special education services for the handicapped
  Fragmented mental health care
  Problems of developing community residential programs
  Public access to information on the operation of public agencies and publicly funded organizations

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Child Advocacy Project
The Center on Human Policy
216 Ostrom Avenue
Syracuse, New York 13210   Telephone: 315/423-3851

Contact Person: Douglas Biklen

Purpose:

To study and promote the creation of open settings for all people. The Center on Human Policy offers legal assistance to establish the rights of children, training in advocacy organizing, policy research, advocacy resources (books, pamphlets, posters, and slide shows on institutions and alternatives,) and training in the evaluation of the quality of human services.

Current advocacy activities:

Legal rights services; advocacy for quality education for children with disabilities; training in mainstreaming, institutional life for children, alternatives to institutions, law and education, and alternative residential care; community education; publication of advocacy resources; annual lecture series on advocacy and social change; parent organizing; and advocacy for children with disabilities.

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Rockland County Child Advocacy and Advisory Council
County Office Building
New Hempstead Road
New City, New York 10956 Telephone: 914/638-0500

Contact Person: Ruth Morganstein

Purpose:

To serve as an advisory body to the Legislature of Rockland County in connection with problems arising out of the Council's services as advocate and ombudsman for those children who are:

- Excluded from regular classes of the public school system.
- Learning disabled children.
- In homes and schools for retarded, handicapped and otherwise disabled or disturbed children.
- In residential shelters for neglected and disturbed children.
- In need of special health and educational treatment.
- In day treatment programs for health, mental health, and mental retardation services.

Current advocacy activities:

- The Council has acted on individual parent complaints, such as lack of direct services, transportation difficulties, child molestation, direction and informational services.
- The Council has supported group homes/community settings for handicapped children.
- Class action when 20 parents of severely multiple handicapped children signed complaints against the school director for verbal abuse regarding their children - for the lack of available services, inferior building, etc. The Council was instrumental in gaining required services and the restructuring of the school administration.
- Presently the Council is conducting a survey of all special education facilities in Rockland, starting with BOCES. (Board of Cooperative Educational Services)

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Advocacy for Services to Children
Mental Health Association of Westchester
29 Sterling Avenue
White Plains, New York 10606 Telephone: 914/949-6741

Contact Person: Dorothea Turkel

Purpose:

Community organization, social action, legislative action and professional and community education on behalf of the mental health needs of children.

Current advocacy activities:

Child Abuse and Maltreatment: Professional and community education through seminars, workshops and conferences. Educational program with hospital personnel throughout Westchester County aimed at setting up child abuse multidisciplinary teams in each hospital.

Foster Children: 1. Serves as a catalyst in bringing together social agencies and school personnel to improve communication and programs on behalf of the foster child. 2. Planning a county-wide program to help foster parents develop advocacy tools and techniques.

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Child Advocacy Commission of Durham, Inc.

P.O. Box 1151
Durham, North Carolina 27701 Telephone: 919/682-1129

Contact Person: Larry Stegall

Purpose:

It is our purpose to advocate for the child, especially for the child for whom no one speaks: for the retarded, the deprived, undisciplined, and the unloved.

Current advocacy activities:

The objectives are to speak for the needs of all children from birth to age 18 and to make it possible for them to develop as far as their biological potential will permit. Current activities are in the areas of delinquency diversion, group homes, abuse and neglect, day care and transportation.

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Durham County Interagency Council on Developmental Disabilities

c/o Durham County Community Mental Health Center
300 E. Main Street
Durham, North Carolina 27701

Contact Person: Deryl Torbert Telephone: 919/688-4369

Purpose:

To provide a mechanism for communication, coordination and cooperation of services and advocacy for children and adults with mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy and other similar disabilities.

Current advocacy activities:

Bi-monthly information exchange meetings.
Human Sexuality and Mental Retardation Training Project.
Deinstitutionalization Project.
Murdoch Center - Durham County Liaison.
Cooperation with Child Advocacy Commission of Durham.

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Chief of Child Advocacy
Division of Youth Development
Box Drawer 2687
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602 Telephone: 919/829-3011

Contact Person: Norman C. Camp, III

Purpose:
To protect the rights of youth committed to youth development schools and diagnostic centers; provide input into program planning, implementation and evaluation; and ensure that a broad range of services are available for meeting individual needs of youth.

Current advocacy activities:
-Individual case advocacy
-Maintaining a responsive grievance procedure for students
-Monitoring and reviewing recommendations from disciplinary hearings
-Monitoring and resolving abuse incidents
-Monitoring the service delivery system of institutions
-Conducting needs assessments

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Youth Advocacy Association of Alamance County
Colony Apartments
Burlington, North Carolina 27215

Contact Person: Gayle Alexander

Purpose:
To advocate for youth by evaluating needs and existing programs, making the public aware of unmet needs and working for the establishment and implementation of programs for children and youth.

Current advocacy activities:
The group is divided into committees and task forces. Presently one committee is concerned with exploring residential day care programs. Another examines and calls attention to pertinent legislation. A third serves as a liaison committee with an area youth council.

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Governor's Advocacy Council on Children
Office for Children, N.C. Department of Human Resources
Albemarle Building - Room 612
325 North Salisbury Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611 Telephone: 919/829-4432

Contact Person: Ron Attkisson

Purpose:

Review State agency programs for children and recommend improvements when needed.
Help coordinate State programs for children so as to avoid duplication and fragmentation of services.
Review new programs for children and recommend improvements in plans.
Provide information and assistance to the public, particularly to consumers of services, regarding programs and advocacy.
Assist individual children and their families to find help and services that they have been unable to obtain.
Assist communities in the development of local child advocacy systems.

Current advocacy activities:

State agency coordination, maintaining liaison with all key state agencies.
Assistance to consumer organizations - provide information access to state agencies, and other assistance.
Individual advocacy - solve problems affecting individual children brought to our attention through Department of Human Resources Hotline and through other means.
Assist in development of local child advocacy systems; plan, provide technical assistance, provide regular information on state programs.
Overall emphasis tends to be on children with special needs.

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Northwest Committee on Advocacy for Children and Youth
261 Canterbury Trail
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27104 Telephone: 919/768-5656

Contact Person: Mrs. John L. W. Garrou

Purpose:
The general purpose of this organization shall be the advocacy of the full development of all children and youth as individual human beings and as participants in human society.

Current advocacy activities:
During the past year, the Advocacy Committee has been working on the following projects: 1) a group home for emotionally disturbed children 2) school breakfast program 3) lobbying for legislation regarding children 4) re-organizing our committee
Future plans for our committee include: 1) publishing a directory of day care facilities 2) establishing a pool of lawyers to represent children in cases affecting them 3) establishing a child abuse prevention hotline

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OHIO

Comprehensive Community Child Care

2400 Reading Road, Room 403
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 Telephone: 513/621-5000 ext.37

Contact Person: Nancy S. Aldinger

Purpose:
Planning, coordination and advocacy for quality services to children in Hamilton County.

Current advocacy activities:
- -Feasibility Study to design a Functional Child Care Model for Infants.
- -Publication of a Handbook for Potential Day Care Operators.
- -Development of Training Resources for Child Care Personnel.
- -Information and Referral System for Child Care Centers in Hamilton County.
- -Technical assistance to agencies, boards, communities, individuals and centers.
- -Advocacy and information/education around legislative issues.
- -Publication of model personnel policies, job descriptions and career ladders.

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Staff Advocacy

Center of Human Services
1001 Huron Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44115 Telephone: 216/621-4163

Contact Person: Carl Boyd

Purpose:
To represent the Center for Human Services on those local, state, and national human services issues that affect the Agency and/or the people we are responsible to serve.

Current advocacy activities:
Studying feasibilty of establishing a run-away youth program. Supporting a street zoning change for our day nursery center; school desegregation; Title Twenty; working with a city to develop an employment network for women.

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Operation Special Friend and Project P.A.T.H.
(Parents Alerted to Help)
Summit County Association for Retarded Citizens
P.O. Box 38
Tallmadge, Ohio 44278 Telephone: 216/864-7601

Contact Person: Thomas A. Gannon

Purpose:

To enlist competent citizens who will represent as their own and on an individual basis, the interests of other individuals who are in some way developmentally disabled (i.e. mentally retarded, epileptic, and cerebral palsied).

Current advocacy activities:

An active personal advocacy program now in its second year of implementation. Forty active one-to-one relationships.
A parent to parent, one-to-one program aimed at parents who are new to developmental disabilities.
A core group program aimed at establishing peer groups of handicapped and normal youth to bring about social interaction and emotional support.

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OKLAHOMA

Family Advocacy
Sunbeam Family Services
616 NW 21st
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73103 Telephone: 405/528-7721

Contact Person: Suzanna Rider

Purpose:

Family Advocacy is designed to improve life conditions for people, particularly poor people. It is based on the day-to-day work with troubled families whose ability to function is hindered by inadequacies of institutional systems of welfare, housing, health, education and employment. A part of this is to promote legislation to improve the general well being of individuals, families and the community.

Current advocacy activities:

The primary emphases at this point are legislation, health care, and welfare. This agency has actively supported legislation dealing with minors health services, social work licensing, pharmaceuticals, and child welfare concerns. Successful work has been done with local health departments to provide free immunizations to all children in day care at the day care center locations. Involved in coalition, this agency has sought to speed up emergency food stamp orders and to educate the community as to possible eligibility for food stamps. In addition to work on issues, work with the local welfare office is done frequently on a case basis, seeking specific services for specific individuals.

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Oklahoma Governor's Committee on Children and Youth, Inc.

Department of Institutions, Social and Rehabilitative Services
Sequoyah Memorial Office Bldg.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73215 Telephone: 405/521-3566

Contact Person: Florence Frank

Purpose:
- -Identification of problem areas for study and recommendation
- -Joint sponsorship of conferences with other agencies and organizations
- -Promotion of community concern through provision of materials, speaking and participation in discussions
- -Promoting understanding of pertinent legislation and actively supporting legislation

Current advocacy activities:
- Development of Children's Information and Coordination Center, now located in Children's Memorial Hospital, Oklahoma City
- -Follow-up meetings to 1970-71 White House Conferences on Children and Youth

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OREGON

Mental Health Services for Children and Youth in Oregon
League of Women Voters of Oregon
495 State Street, Suite 212
Salem, Oregon 97301 Telephone: 503/581-5722

Contact Person: Mrs. Marvin Goldman

Purpose:

To obtain improved planning for, coordination and delivery of mental health services to children and youth in Oregon; provide adequate treatment and preventive services that comply with basic standards of care and treatment and are delivered by qualified personnel; obtain adequate funding; provide special education in the public schools for emotionally disturbed children.

Current advocacy activities:

Completed two-year statewide study in September 74 culminating in two volume report for members and other interested citizens on treatment programs and facilities; juvenile corrections; special education in public schools. Members discussed, arrived at consensus, developed support position on mental health.

Currently lobbying at state legislature for improved mental health services for children.

Represented on: Governor's Task Force on Early Childhood Development; Planning Committee for Children's Mental Health; Oregon Mental Health Division; Board of Directors, Citizens for Children; active with coalitions.

Active community education program, including TV programs, workshops, conferences for members, citizens, professionals, legislators.

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Governor's Commission on Youth

775 Court Street, N.E.
Salem, Oregon 97310 Telephone: 503/378-4185

Contact Person: Thomas P. Sullivan

Purpose:
Advise the Governor on all matters concerning children and young adults; stimulate study, research, action on behalf of children.

Current advocacy activities:
Legislative action in areas of bilingual education, child development specialist, removal of status offense from code, and payment to foster parents.
Venereal disease research, alcohol research.

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Oregon Alliance Concerned with School-age Parents

5319 S.W. Westgate Drive
Portland, Oregon 97211 Telephone: 503/292-2867

Contact Person: Marvin Greenbaum, Ph.D.

Purpose:
To serve as the advocate for the school-age parent in the State of Oregon.

Current advocacy activities:
To provide and exchange information on adolescent pregnancy;
To provide consultative services to state officials and legislators regarding problems of teenage parenting;
To provide consultative services and resources to existing or proposed programs;
To hold workshops to disseminate information on adolescent pregnancy programs;
To influence educational, social and medical policies at a state and local level.

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Person to Person Advocacy Program
Oregon Association for Retarded Citizens
3085 River Road North
Salem, Oregon 97303 Telephone: 503/588-0095

Contact Person: Mike Barker

Purpose:
To provide citizen advocacy services, on a state-wide basis, to developmentally disabled citizens. Also, to provide intervention on case-by-case basis to facilitate action for needed programs.

Current advocacy activities:
--Five local community CA programs implemented.
--Lobbying for MR/DD programs during current legislative session.
--Providing case advocacy services to clients concerning crisis problems.
--Providing information and referral to individuals and agencies.

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Salem Youth Commission
City of Salem, Oregon
City Hall
555 Liberty Street S.E.
Salem, Oregon 97301 Telephone: 503/588-6137

Contact Person: Terry Paige

Purpose:
-Make recommendations and advise the city council concerning solutions to specific problems involving the youth activties of the community.
-Encourage the initiation of programs of general interest to youth.
-Enlist the cooperation of all segments of the community in being more responsive to the youth community.
-Make and issue reports respecting its studies, research, examinations and other activities, and make annual reports to the city council at such times as may be required by the council.

No current advocacy activities listed.

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Metropolitan Youth Commission
1220 S.W. 5th Avenue, Room 408
Portland, Oregon 97204 Telephone: 503/248-4005

Contact Person: Paul Bloom

Purpose:
Studies, implements and/or promotes programs for the prevention of juvenile delinquency by serving as advocates for young people and as a liaison with the general public and public and private agencies which are charged with the responsibility of dealing with youth.

Current advocacy activities:
Currently involved in promoting or sponsoring: Metropolitan Youth Council, Project Second Wing, Youth related legislation, Youth Legal Clinic, Single Parent Foster Plan, and Juvenile Law In-Service Training. Publishes Youth Faces the Law and Youth Programs and Service Directory.

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Citizens for Children
P.O. Box 8924
Portland, Oregon 97209 Telephone: 503/289-4181

Contact Person: Mrs. Raymond F. Graap

Purpose:
To promote the general welfare of children in Oregon. It will define the needs of children and bring to public view the restraints on the fulfillment of such needs. It will also provide information and recommendations for planning and delivery of services to children.

Current advocacy activities:
Sponsorship of coordinating conferences for advocacy groups and individually concerned citizens; provision of information and support to the legislature in budgeting funds, and writing new bills helpful to children in Oregon; provision of information to the Oregon congressional delegation as to how pending legislation will affect children.

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PENNSYLVANIA

Family Advocacy

Family and Children's Service
630 Janet Avenue
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601 Telephone: 717/397-5241

Contact Person: Eleanor Taylor

Purpose:

Advocacy is a service of this agency whose goal is to fulfill human potential by improving life conditions of people. Arising primarily from case experience of unmet needs, advocacy moves from case to cause, to change dysfunctional community institutions and systems to insure that they work for people, rather than against them.

Current advocacy activities:

Class issues arising from a diverse caseload are chosen for study-action. Current study-action teams are working on the establishment of a prescriptive learning center for underachievers (those who are of low I.Q. but test too high for special education classes, those who are turned off from school, etc.); advocating for adequate funding locally for day care. We are also doing a study of whether our agency is, in fact, meeting the needs of men, women and children "in transition." (divorced or separated)

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Community Coordinated Child Care Association (4-C)

Allegheny Building, 613
429 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219 Telephone: 412/288-0414

Contact Person: Gary D. Reiswig

Purpose:

Planning
Coordination
Advocacy

Current advocacy activities:

- Legislative Education for Program Constituents
- System Design for Family Day Care
- Parent Involvement

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Children's Lobby of Western Pennsylvania

4401 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213 Telephone: 412/621-0629

Contact Person: Doris M. Handy

Purpose:

To speak on behalf of children's services to legislative bodies at all levels of government; to encourage appropriate use of funds for the provision of adequate care and services for children; to mobilize people so that they can respond knowledgeably to legislative and funding issues related to children; and to engage in relevant activities on behalf of children as issues arise, to develop an alert and informed citizenry.

Current advocacy activities:

Publishing of a Legislative Newsletter, developing a workshop on "How to Evaluate Children's Programs," cooperating in Child Care '76, publishing a Candidate's Questionaire on children's issues and concerns, providing information regarding pending federal and state legislation - related to children.

We have helped to sponsor a Child Mental Health Conference, and the Governor's Conference on Health.

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Public Issues Committee of Episcopal Community Services

225 S. Third
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106 Telephone: 215/925-8110

Contact Person: Richard Smith

Purpose:

To recommend to Board of the Council positions to be taken including actions relating to conditions which affect our clients.

Current advocacy activities:

- Food and Hunger
- Urban Homesteading
- Child Abuse
- Juvenile Justice
- Criminal Justice
- Public Assistance Grant increases

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Allegheny Children and Youth Service Council
4th Floor, Allegheny General Hospital
319 Hemlock Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15212 Telephone: 412/321-5343 - 4

Contact Person: Nancy S. Bierwerth

Purpose:
To serve as advocate to all children in Allegheny County and surrounding areas. To coordinate and plan for services for children and youth through member agencies. To identify gaps through proper programming. To assist member agencies in planning and programming, and funding. To undertake special interest problems through task forces.

Typical advocacy activities:
(1) Interceded on behalf of the Pre-adolescent and Adolescent Mental Health Units at St. Francis Hospital to maintain funding and operation of these units.

(2) Worked with the Pennsylvania legislature to extend the funding of the Special Education Program of the Allegheny County School System.

Through ongoing correspondence with Pennsylvania's Congressmen the Council keeps before our representatives the needs of our children and youth and provides professional comment upon proposed legislation.

Created task forces to consider particular problems and/or current issues associated with children and youth including referrals, pediatric home care, learning disabilities, etc.

Conducted workshops on Data Collection and Planning.

Published a newsletter to circulate information to its member agencies.

Assisted the Mon-Yough Children's Council to organize and engage in joint program planning.

Convened meetings on Drug Problems in Adolescence, the Early Screening and Diagnosis Program, the Greater Pittsburgh Regional Pediatric Program, the Incremental Dental Health Care Program of Allegheny General Hospital and other subjects.

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Child Advocacy Project
Philadelphia Urban League
4089 Lancaster Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104 Telephone: 215/387-2801

Contact Person: Kelly E. Miller

Purpose:

To develop, implement and disseminate a community development model of child advocacy that can be duplicated in similar communities across the country.

Current advocacy activities:

The 1975-76 fiscal year work program will focus on conducting workshops about the community development model. The target groups will be community organizations and youth service agencies. The focus will be concentrating on the areas of education, youth activities, health and welfare, legal rights and handicapped and mentally retarded children. The objective, to stimulate the development of other child advocacy projects across the country.

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Commonwealth Child Development Committee
700 State Street Building
Third and State Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101 Telephone: 717/787-3489

Contact Person: Martha V. Woodward

Purpose:

To serve as the people's advocate for child development programs in Pennsylvania; to conduct coordinated and comprehensive planning that will avoid duplication and fragmentation of services; recommend administrative and statutory changes in the field of child development; provide a public forum for the discussion of child development programs and problems.

Current advocacy activities:

- Development and publication of the State Plan for child development which lists goals, priorities, needs and recommendations to improve services to children.
- Review of the programs of other state agencies providing services to children.
- Advise the Governor on all matters relating to children and youth.
- Work with Departmental and Legislative leaders for passage of improved child abuse legislation.
- Work with local organizations to improve their ability to advocate, coordinate and plan for children's services in their communities.
- Develop a model monitoring and evaluations system for human service programs, especially children's programs.

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RHODE ISLAND

Coalition for Children's Rights
c/o Council of Community Services
Waterman Avenue
Providence, Rhode Island　　　　Telephone: 401/861-5550

Contact Person: Dr. Frederick L. Yarger

Purpose:
To work toward clarifying, educating, establishing and protecting children's rights in the areas of Health, Education, Psychological, Legal Rights

Current advocacy activities:
- State Conference on Rights (300 people of various agencies)
- Foster Parent Education Program
- Psychological Bill of Rights
- Pre-school screening and health care follow-up
- Day care hopes, problems
- Advocacy office with legal guidance

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SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina Association for Retarded Citizens - Citizen Advocacy
P.O. Box 1564
Columbia, South Carolina 29202 Telephone: 803/765-2431

Contact Person: Gregg Roberts

Purpose:
One to one advocacy

Current advocacy activities:
Service, Social and Self Help

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Office of Child Advocacy
Office of the Governor
Division of Health and Social Development
1800 St. Julian Place
Columbia, South Carolina 29204 Telephone: 803/758-7886

Contact Person: Barbara Chappell

Purpose:
Ombudsman for abused, neglected, abandoned and dependent children with present focus being permanent homes for South Carolina's 4,000 children in foster homes and institutions ("orphanages"); development of systematic program to ensure that children are either returned to their improved parents, placed in adoption, or placed in permanent foster homes, preferably with custody or guardianship awarded to foster parents.

Current advocacy activities:
Implementing South Carolina's Foster Care Review Board System; encouraging agency use of the involuntary termination of parental rights statute when appropriate to enable adoption and agency use of the statute allowing for continued medical payments after adoption for handicapped children; recruiting specialized foster and adoptive homes as demonstration projects; working with agencies and institutions to change policies and to develop new programs to promote permanent homes; presenting workshops and conferences; conducting research projects; promoting needed legislation (broadened subsidized adoption, legal representation for children in custody and adoption cases, etc.).

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Rock Hill Regional Youth Bureau

Emmett Scott Neighborhood Center
902 Crawford Road
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730 Telephone: 803/327-6151

Contact Person: Elizabeth Chorak

Purpose:
Prevention of juvenile delinquency:diversion

Current activities:
- Tutorial Workshop-Out of public school.
- Volunteer Tutor program-in-school.
- Youth employment service.
- In School "rap" sessions in school operated social adjustment classes.
- Individual counseling, family counseling.
- Crisis intervention (with police, courts, schools.)
- Referrals to appropriate agencies.
- Transportation, medical examinations, psychologists, educational assessments.

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Youth Bureau Division

South Carolina Department of Youth Services
2800 "B" Bush River Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29210 Telephone: 803/758-6337

Contact Person: John Kinchen

Purpose:
The Youth Bureau's mission is to change conditions that tend to create delinquency and prevent youth's involvement in the juvenile justice process. The Youth Bureau is seeking to develop a network of community youth services. This is coordinated with local government and private agencies.

Current advocacy activities:
- State Youth Bureau Office = planning, training.
- Field Service Units = direct and indirect services.
- Referral and develop clearinghouse concept.
- Advocate new services.
- Regional Advisory Councils established from cross section of communities we serve.
- Youth involvement.

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SOUTH DAKOTA

Governor's Committee on Children and Youth
State Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota 57501 Telephone: 605/343-6748

Contact Person: Gary Simon

Purpose:
To advocate for children and youth in South Dakota by advising the Governor and legislature on issues of concern to the state's young people. Such advice is the result of citizen input through the Committee working with agencies of state government. Ultimately this plan should result in agency policy change and legislative action.

Current advocacy activities:
The creation of an initial report on children and youth resulted in the Governor's support and endorsement of a statewide planning effort for the young. The preliminary planning phase is now under way with all departments of state government with the Committee acting as a catalyst.

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TENNESSEE

Family Advocacy

Family and Children's Service
201 23rd Avenue North
Nashville, Tennessee 37203
Telephone: 615/327-0833

Contact Person: Roz Creswell

Purpose:

The Family Advocacy Program was created in 1971 to enable the agency to expand its focus from individual counseling to include a strong commitment to changing community conditions and institutional policies detrimental to families.

Current advocacy activities:

- Brochure on Child Support jointly sponsored by local Bar Association.
- Legislation on (a) clarifying procedures for handling the putative father's rights in adoption cases, and (b) requiring court reviews on a periodic basis of all children in foster care.
- Community Organizing in one pocket of Davidson County centering on a branch food stamp office and increased recreational facilities.
- Beginning to develop community support for a small group residential facility for children in their teens who cannot return to their natural homes and cannot adjust to foster care, or for whom foster care would be inappropriate.

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Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth
104 Capitol Towers
Nashville, Tennessee 37219 Telephone: 615/741-2633

Contact Person: Jere Ledsinger

Purpose:

To collect facts and statistics, make special studies of conditions affecting the welfare of youth, and to act as an advisory and consultative body.

Current advocacy activities:

To monitor legislation affecting youth, to provide information on the status of all such legislation; to publish a current book of laws which affect youth; to publish monthly news of programs for children and youth across the state.

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Tennessee Office of Child Development
660 Capitol Hill Building
301 Seventh Avenue North
Nashville, Tennessee 37219 Telephone: 615/741-1681

Contact Person: Neal Buchanan

Purpose:

The coordination of all state programs for young children and their families. Technical assistance available to all programs for children. Advise governor and legislature on policy and programs concerning young children.

Current program activities:

The office is currently conducting a survey of all agencies in the state which provide services to children; developing a State Child Development Plan; providing technical assistance to programs in Appalachian portion of the state; and currently planning to place Regional Child Development Coordinators in each of the state's nine Development Districts.

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County Agents for Children

Peabody College: J.F.Kennedy Center
For Research on Education and Human Development:
Institute on Youth and Social Development
Campus Box 43, Peabody College
Nashville, Tennessee 37203 Telephone: 615/327-8290

Contact Person: Dr. Floyd Dennis

Purpose:

To work with local child service systems in an effort to identify the unfullfilled needs of children in the county and to procure the satisfaction of those needs by increasing the knowledge and understanding of child development by parents, families, civic organizations and agencies in a manner similar to that used by County Agricultural Agents.

Current advocacy activities:

County Agents are involved in a program of dissemination of information regarding child development via radio spots, talk shows, news articles, literature racks, and public addresses. They are serving as catalysts in seeing that children with special needs are served by the appropriate child service systems in the community. And they are charged with the responsibility of developing a one-to-one citizen advocate volunteer program for children with unmet needs in the county. Emphasis is given to helping local communities develop appropriate programs to serve handicapped and mentally retarded children who are either not receiving services or having to leave the community for services.

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Child and Family Advocacy
Child and Family Services
114 Dameron Avenue
Knoxville, Tennessee 37919 Telephone: 615/524-7483

Contact Person: Beverley Duvall

Purpose:
To identify unmet needs of children and to initiate and/or support action, including legislation, to change and improve institutions and agencies and their services or policies, or to initiate new programs and services in order that children's rights be guaranteed (as stated in the children's bill of rights).

Current advocacy activities:
- -Child abuse/neglect: prevention and treatment programs, including community education, training of lay therapists and professionals, formation of a Parents Anonymous group. Advocating for a 24 hour crisis child care center and a Family Aid center.
- -Advocating for improved coverage under Medicaid.
- -Submitting suggested changes and advocating for these regarding state adoptive and foster care laws.
- -Advocating for social services in county and city schools (there are none) and demonstrating effectiveness by providing limited services under special contract.
- -Participating heavily in consortium on Special needs of Teenage Parents (helped organize).

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Dallas Commission on Children and Youth
Community Council of Greater Dallas
1720 Life Building, 311 S. Akard
Dallas, Texas 75202 Telephone: 214/741-5851

Contact Person: Catherine Hudson

Purpose:
To make this community one in which the well-being of children and young people is the object of sustained and responsible attention.

Current advocacy activities:
Work is accomplished through committees.
- Improvement of dental care and education for youth in Dallas.
- Newsletter on both Commission activities and community happenings.
- Improvement of prenatal counseling and parenthood training for pregnant teenagers.
- Constant review of proposed state and federal legislation which affects children and youth.
- Increased community awareness of needs and services for youth in the Dallas area.

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San Antonio Child Advocacy Project

Mexican American Neighborhood
Civic Organization
2811 Guadalupe Street
San Antonio, Texas 78207
Telephone: 512/435-0556

Contact Person: Max Navarro

Purpose:
To bring about institutional changes in the school system, and in other community institutions that have long neglected the needs of the Mexican American child.

Current advocacy activities:
- Enforcement of existing school policies and regulations in the best interest of the Chicano child.
- To promote services to the physically handicapped in the community.
- Development of a Parental Monitoring System for school policies and activities.
- Establishment of Toxicant Inhalant and Drug Education Projects in the barrio.
- To promote bilingual and bicultural advocacy through neighborhood civic awareness.

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Office of Early Childhood Development

P.O. Box 13166 Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711 Telephone: 512/475-5833

Contact Person: Jeannette Watson

Purpose:
Advocacy
Planning
Coordination

Current program activities:
-Pierre, the Texas Pelican - child development newsletter to parents
-CDA - Child Development Associate training
-Head Start Training and Technical Assistance
-research and demonstration
-parenting and early screening - emphasis in 1976
-Public Education concerning children's needs

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Pierre the Pelican

Texas Association for Mental Health
and the Office of Early Childhood
Development, Texas Department of
Community Affairs
103 Lantern Lane
Austin, Texas 78731 Telephone: 512/459-6584

Contact Person: Marilyn Edwards

Purpose:

"Pierre the Pelican" is a 28-part newsletter series sent out to all first-time parents in the state. The newsletter deals with the mental and emotional development of children. Through parenting education we hope to prevent some mental and emotional problems in children.

Current advocacy activities:

Mental Health Association chapters and hospital auxillaries are working to see that parents receive the first three issues immediately upon the child's birth.

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Citizen Advocacy Coordinating Office

Texas Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.
833 Houston Street
Austin, Texas 78756
Telephone: 512/454-6694

Contact Person: John Pezzoli

Purpose:

Offers consultation and assistance to citizen advocacy programs operated by ARC's in Texas. Encourages development of new offices.

Current advocacy activities:

- -Consultation to six operational Citizen Advocacy programs, listed below.
- -Preparation and dissemination of materials and information.
- -Monitoring developments and materials on citizen advocacy.
- -Provision of educational programs on citizen advocacy and needs for it for relevant agencies and organizations.
- -Advocacy on class issues at the state level.
- -Securing funding for local programs.

Citizen Advocacy Programs
Abilene Association for
Retarded Citizens
133 South Leggett
Abilene, Texas 79605
Mrs. Robin Burrow, Coordinator

Citizen Advocacy Program
Austin Association for Retarded
Citizens
2818 San Gabriel
Austin, Texas 78705
Ms. Doris Thielemann, Coordinator

Citizen Advocacy Services, Inc.
P. O. Box 121
Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482
Contact Person:
Ms. Beverly Williamson

Citizen Advocacy Program
Midland Association for
Retarded Citizens
P. O. Box 781
Midland, Texas 79701
Ms. Beverly Soholt
Executive Director

San Antonio Citizen Advocacy
Program, San Antonio
Association for Retarded
Citizens
227 West Drexel
San Antonio, Texas 78210
Ms. B. J. Muzquiz, Coordinator

Citizen Advocacy Program
Waco Association for
Retarded Citizens
P.O. Box 7172
Waco, Texas 76710
John Norman, Coordinator

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Citizen Advocacy

Abilene Association for Retarded Citizens
133 So. Leggett
Abilene, Texas 79605 Telephone: 915/672-6222

Contact Person: Mrs. Robin Burrow

Purpose:

Citizen Advocacy for mentally retarded persons is basically a one-to-one relationship between a capable volunteer ("advocate") and a mentally retarded person ("protege") in which the advocate defends the rights and interests of the protege and provides practical or emotional reinforcement (or a combination of both) for him. All of this occurs within the framework of a structured advocacy system.

No current activities listed.

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Citizen Advocacy

Citizen Advocacy Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 121
Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482 Telephone: 214/885-9371

Contact Person: Beverly Cauthen Williamson

Purpose:

To provide (recruit, train, match, and supervise) volunteers to work on a one-to-one basis with developmentally disabled or other disabled or disadvantaged persons.

Current advocacy activities:

CASI began developing services April 1, 1975. Primary target group is developmentally disabled adults, although children will also be served. Funding is from contract with State Department of Public Welfare (Title IV-A); during first year all clients will be AFDC or SSI eligibles. Besides providing personal advocates for disabled persons, the agency will carry on an extensive public and professional educational campaign concerning developmental disabilities, prevention, and similar subjects.

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Citizen Advocacy
San Antonio Association for Retarded Citizens
227 W. Drexel, P.O. Box 10210
San Antonio, Texas 78210 Telephone: 512/533-0166

Contact Person: "B.J." Muzquiz

Purpose:
Citizen Advocacy is a program that matches, on a one-to-one basis, a person who is mentally retarded, known as the Protege, with a competent mature, male or female volunteer citizen, known as the Advocate.

Current advocacy activities:
The Proteges participating in the Citizen Advocacy program in San Antonio are at the San Antonio State Hospital, Mission Road Foundation, under the programs of Bexar County Mental Health Mental Retardation, and from community referrals.
"Vocational Advocacy", which originated in San Antonio, is a unique concept in the Advocacy movement. Still in its embryonic stages the guidelines for Vocational Advocacy are now being written and will be published shortly for implementation by other Citizen Advocacy programs.

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Citizen Advocacy
Waco Association for Retarded Citizens
P.O. Box 7172, 6515 Sanger Avenue, Suite 30
Waco, Texas 76710 Telephone: 817/776-4782

Contact Person: John Norman

Purpose:
To provide individual assistance to mentally retarded persons in adjusting to society, seeking a goal of independence, and to insure their rights as citizens.

Current advocacy activities:
New Program - public information and identification of advocates and proteges emphasized.

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A National Citizen Advocacy Model for Mentally Retarded Children
National Association for Retarded Citizens
2709 "E" East
Arlington, Texas 76011 Telephone: 817/261-4961
Ext. 36 or 78

Contact Person: Max Addison or Jane Kolodziej

Purpose:
To promote the concept of Citizen Advocacy for mentally retarded people through the development and dissemination of training materials and the establishment of six model Citizen Advocacy programs across the nation.

Current advocacy activities:
Providing technical assistance to the model programs via monthly on-site visits; development of training guide for citizen advocates; development of evaluation instruments and testing same in model programs.

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UTAH

Utah Office of Child Development
State Board of Education and Social Services
248 E. 5th South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 Telephone: 801/533-6323

Contact Person: Geraldine M. Clark

Purpose:
The Office of Child Development is the office to coordinate all early childhood programs between the State Board of Education and Social Services and other public agencies. It also serves as a referral source and advocate for children and parents in need of services.

Current activities:
The Office of Child Development does not provide direct technical assistance.

- The Office is currently working on a newsletter to be published periodically.
- The Office reviews all early childhood grants in Utah.
- The Office identifies and upgrades descriptions of early childhood programs, preschool or infant programs and/or parenting classes.
- The Director serves on many committees whose focuses are on different needs of children.

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Governor's Committee on Children and Youth
Agency of Human Services
79 River Street
Montpelier, Vermont 05602 Telephone: 802/828-2816

Contact Person: Sally Smith

Purpose:

§458. Creation and purpose -
The Committee shall serve to identify problems, needs and opportunities for children and youth in the state of Vermont. It shall be an advisory body to promote the creation and extension of new and continuing programs and services for children and youth in both the public and private sectors of Vermont Life.

Current advocacy activities:

GCCY's legislative mandate covers ten areas of activities (planning, advisory, studying problems, publicizing, etc.), which give great latitude to its endeavors. This fact, combined with limited staff capability, makes it imperative that the Committee tightly focus its goals and activities. In the past year it has distributed state-wide a pamphlet on Vermont's Child Abuse Reporting Law, participated in drafting a students' rights manual, studied problems at Vermont's juvenile correctional facility (with recommendations), analyzed state budgetary needs for children, and produced legislative recommendations regarding Family Courts, corporal punishment, and child abuse.

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VIRGINIA

Virginia Commission for Children and Youth
1200 State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia 23219 Telephone: 804/770-5507

Contact Person: Judith A. Lau

Purpose:

The Virginia Commission for Children and Youth is a permanent State Agency mandated by the Virginia General Assembly to be the advocate for all the children and youth of the Commonwealth.

Current advocacy activities:

-Coordinated efforts to create effective child abuse legislation.
-Participating in program to implement child abuse legislation.
-Conducted Open Forum on Youth Involvement to determine interest, need, and possible vehicles for involving young people in decisions affecting their lives; follow-up by providing technical assistance to those areas wishing to strengthen and/or create youth councils, advisory boards, etc.
-Participation in Planning Committee for National Conference on School-Age Parents, October, 1975; promoting additional services in this area within state; encouraging development of meaningful parenting or family life education courses in every school.

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Office of Youth Services of Newport News
247 28th Street, Suite 2-B
Newport News, Virginia 23607 Telephone: 804/247-8800

Contact Person: Patricia V. Bartlett

Purpose:
The purpose of the program of Youth Services of Newport News is to coordinate available youth services within the community; also, Youth Services encourages local interest in programs for youth development. The mandate of the program is delinquency prevention.

Current advocacy activties:
The Office of Youth Services of Newport News publishes a monthly newsletter for public and private agencies serving Newport News young people; provides programs on exceptional child development and other aspects of delinquency prevention; compiles and distributes information about community and statewide services for young people; assists community organizations in projects directed toward youth development; locates within the community support for projects related to young people which are undertaken by agencies or civic organizations.

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Citizen Advocacy
Northern Virginia Association for Retarded Citizens
105 E. Annandale Road
Falls Church, Virginia 22046 Telephone: 703/532-3214

Contact Person: Elaine Joyce

Purpose:
To recruit, screen and train volunteers from the community to work on a one-to-one basis with mentally retarded individuals.

Current advocacy activities:
The C.A. program, implemented in January 1975, emphasizes or gives priority to those individuals who have been deinstitutionalized and live alone, or who are from culturally deprived or poorly coping families. The program is presently compiling a "protege" waiting list. An active radio and newspaper campaign is planned for advocate recruitment.

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WASHINGTON

Child Development Planning Project
Office of Community Development
907 Capitol Center Bldg.
Olympia, Washington 98501 Telephone: 206/753-4922

Contact Person: Virginia Hart

Purpose:

The purpose of the Child Development Planning Project is to provide liaison services between local, private, and state agencies toward better cooordination of programs and services for all children and families, CDPP assists in policy analysis and development to further enhance and strengthen the quality of life for all children and families in the State of Washington.

Current advocacy activities:

- Needs Assessments. Developed, pretested assessment tool which is administered in 7 counties to assess child care needs at local level. Provide analysis of data gathered.
- Publish and up-date yearly, Washington Directory of Services for Children and Youth. Cross indexed directory used at state and local level.
- Publish monthly Newsletter and Legislative Digest relating to child development issues.

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Committee for Children and Youth
Health and Welfare Planning Council of Clark County
P.O. Box 425
Vancouver, Washington 98660 Telephone: 206/694-6577

Contact Person: Barbara Skorney

Purpose:

To provide leadership in coordinating agencies and groups who provide services to children and youth, to provide leadership in an advocate role, to identify and assess the unmet needs of the community, to serve as a consultant organization relative to child care services in the community.

Current advocacy activities:

- A seminar to facilitate communication between professionals who deal with children and youth. Topic: The Needs and Rights of Children and Youth.
- A publication that briefly describes all programs in the community for children and youth.

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Thurston County 4-C Council
c/o Union Street Council
417 E. Union
Olympia, Washington 98501 Telephone: 206/943-0780

Contact Person: Marsha Stead

Purpose:

To serve as an advocate for the rights of children and as a planning and coordinating agency for children's services in Thurston County.

Current advocacy activities:

In addition to maintaining some direct service programs such as:
- Latchkey - Day care for school age children
- Audio screening for preschoolers (annual)

Advocacy activities include:
- Community-based needs assessment for children and families
- Publish listing for county facilities
- Publish monthly newsletter

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Child Adolescent Program
Wisconsin Association for Mental Health
P.O. Box 1486
119 E. Mifflin Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53701 Telephone: 608/256-9041

Contact Person: Charles R. Bylsma

Purpose:

Information and education on services
Advocacy efforts for children and youth
Legislative input

Current advocacy activities:

Public education through speakers, films, conferences, workshops, brochures.

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Youth Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 168
Madison, Wisconsin 53701 Telephone: 608/257-3539

Contact Person: Daniel W. Miller

Purpose:

Youth Services, Inc., is a voluntary citizen organization which seeks to promote services, programs and activities of benefit and/or interest to children and youth and their families and communities.

Current advocacy activities:

Distributes wallet-sized "Crisis Cards" to all high school and junior high school and college youth. The card lists 20 emergency services and how to contact them for help. Community outreach teams of volunteers skilled in working with youth represent the interests of teens in school, job and court related efforts. The Y.S.I. Prize: annual awards to individuals and groups for meritorious service to youth.

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Governor's Advocacy Committee on Children and Youth
106 E. Doty, Suite 208
Madison, Wisconsin 53703 Telephone: 606/266-7021

Contact Person: Richard J. Phelps

Purpose:
The purpose of the Governor's Advocacy Committee on Children and Youth is to bring the voice of citizens/consumers to bear on the policy considerations of state government as they affect the state's children and youth. The Committee is intended to be an action group addressing the class interests of citizens under the age of 18 years.

Current advocacy activities:
Additional functions include providing consumer participants for other state committees, as well as performing a public information role by organizing state-wide conferences and providing speakers for meetings of a variety of community groups.
Special Projects include: Revision of Chapter 48 (Children's Code), Wisconsin Child Care Center, Child Placement Review Board, Title XIX-Dental Care, Transfers of juveniles to Central State, Bill of Rights for Children, Governor's Youth Awards, Licensing of day camps, Foster Grandparents Program, Budget cuts in optional social services, miscellaneous local projects.

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Parent Act (Parent Advocates for Children Today)
Milwaukee Mental Health Association
161 West Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 3144
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203 Telephone: 414/276-3122

Contact Person: Alice K. Beck

Purpose:
To advocate for the mental and emotional health of all children, but specifically for the emotionally disturbed child and his/her family.

Current advocacy activities:
-Serve on policy making boards and committees
-Education for the community to understand the needs of families
-Support and assist families needing services

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Wyoming Council for Children and Youth
1614 Garfield
Laramie, Wyoming 82070 Telephone: 307/766-2245
742-6991

Contact Person: Dr. Everett D. Lantz

Purpose:
A statutory committee appointed by Governor to study needs and conditions of children and youth, review legislation and consider revisions, to appraise adequacy and accessibility of existing services, to formulate programs for improving existing conditions.

Current advocacy activties:
In conjunction with the Union Pacific Railroad selects each month an Outstanding Teenager who is then eligible for $1000 scholarship. In summer of 1974 published a handbook on juvenile laws and institutions designed for youth and the laymen; 1973, 1974, and 1975, published directories of youth serving agencies in the state; reviewed legislation pertaining to children and youth; supported such in the recent legislature (state); 1974 Governor's Youth Conference involved 300 youth delegates from the state who for two days discussed issues and suggested resolutions, the WCCY followed through on each of the proposed solutions; a 1976 Governor's Youth Conference is planned.

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REGIONAL PROGRAMS

New England Children's Mental Health Task Force

Suite 300, 25 Huntington Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts 02116 Telephone: 617/261-8585

Contact Person: Phyllis N. Shycon

Purpose:

-Information-sharing among personnel working with or on behalf of children in both the public and private sectors in the six New England States.
-Technical Assistance in relation to the mental health of children.
-Non-categorical advocacy on behalf of all children.

Current advocacy activities:

Support of children's advocacy programs and activities in the several New England states as follow-up of a regional Children's Advocacy Conference sponsored by the Task Force in January, 1975.
Preparation of a Second Annual Children's Advocacy Conference to be held in 1976 on children's rights.
Preparation of materials in support of federal child and family services legislation---S 626 and H.R. 2966.

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Teacher and Parent Enrichment

Tressler-Lutheran Service Associates
P.O. Box 22, 3806 Market Street
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011 Telephone: 717/761-6920

Contact Person: Thomas W. Hurlocker

Purpose:

To change attitudes and behaviors of adults toward children - advocating equality of human rights for understanding and communications.

Current advocacy activties:

Training parents, teachers and child service staffs in communication skills, awareness skills, values sharing and teaching, and problem resolution skills in the three state area of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware.

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Southeastern Public Education Program

American Friends Service Committee
52 Fairlie Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303 Telephone: 404/563-6628

Contact Person: Winifred Green

Purpose:

SEPEP monitors implementation of federal and state law programs relating to civil rights and education; encourages and assists parental participation in the educational process, and provides legal informational resources to parents, students, teachers, and community organizations; also active in supporting community controlled child care.

Current advocacy activities:

SEPEP acts as secretariat to FOCAL, a coalition of community-based day care centers in Alabama; has been active in trying to establish model day care codes; publishes a newsletter on school finance reform, and in other ways supports finance reform; through its staff in Alabama, in Georgia and South Carolina works with community people concerned about student rights, sexism in education, and school desegregation problems; has actively supported parent advisory committees formed under Title I ESEA to know and perform their responsibilities.

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DESCRIPTIONS OF RELATED PROGRAMS

Family Services Association of San Antonio, Inc.
230 Pereida Street
San Antonio, Texas 78210 Telephone: 512/226-3391

Purpose:

Counseling services include helping family members reduce conflicts; help parents not feel isolated, threatened, and fearful as well as develop a feeling of selfworth; help parents become aware of more satisfactory ways of relating with their children; help parents identify danger signals that could develop into child abuse; and help parent stop child abuse. Homemaker-Home Health Aide services are crisis oriented to help families maintain the family routine when this is upset due to temporary illness, absence, or incapabilities of adult family members. Frequently, this involves teaching child care in the home as well as general home management.

Current activities:

Ongoing counseling cases, group therapy, play therapy, and active Homemaker-Home Health Aide services.

Counseling with a number of variations such as family - including family group; marriage; individual; parent-child; and counseling for parents involved in child abuse charges or potential child abusers.

Child Protective Services
Division of Family Services
333 South 2nd East
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 Telephone: 801/328-5041

Contact Person: William P. Low

Purpose:

To provide Protective Services to children who are found to be in danger of or subject to abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation.

Current activities:

Protective Services are provided statewide in Utah. Local Division Offices accept referrals and provide any necessary services to protect children from abuse or neglect.

Child Protective Services
Department of Economic Security
P.O. Box 6123
Phoenix, Arizona 85005 Telephone: 602/271-4441

Contact Person: DeEtte W. Burdue, ACSW

Purpose:
To prevent dependency, neglect, abuse or abandonment of children by providing social services to stabilize family life and to preserve the family unit, and to provide care for children who require care away from their own homes.

Current activities:
- -Twenty-four hour intake for reporting suspected child abuse and neglect.
- -Prompt and thorough investigation of all reported cases.
- -Removal of children from a hazardous situation by providing 24-hour emergency shelter care.
- -Counseling services to families to correct the problems to facilitate the child's return if possible.
- -Provide pediatric examination to children, psychological and psychiatric evaluations of parents and children and day care to children when necessary.

George W. Jackson Mental Health Center
Children and Adolescent Division
2920 McCellan Drive
Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401 Telephone: 501/972-4039

Contact Person: Ted Spurlock

Purpose:
A comprehensive treatment program for children and adolescents with emotional problems.

Current activities:
The following programs are offered in our in-patient and out-patient service:
- -Chemotherapy
- -Relaxation Therapy
- -Group Therapy
- -Individual Therapy
- -Consultation to Education, and other service related organizations
- -Psychometric evaluation
- -Partial Hospitalization
- -Emergency Service

Athens-Clarke County Community
Coordinated Child Care, Inc. (4-C)
West Broad Elementary School, Room 411
Athens, Georgia 30601 Telephone: 404/543-6506

Contact Person: Malissa Tate

Purpose:

The purpose of the program is to provide comprehensive quality child care services for all preschool age children with special emphasis on poor and disadvantaged children. The basic concern of the agency is to identify appropriate community resources and to encourage a coordinated delivery plan.

Current activities:

The agency currently operates a Resource center that provides material and equipment such as games, puzzles, puppets, filmstrips, study prints, books, record players, filmstip projectors, musical items and many other teaching and learning items. Approximately 5,000 items are included. These materials are available to all day care centers or anyone working with preschool children. Emphasis is placed on identification and coordination with appropriate community resources to provide comprehensive quality child care programs.

Bragtown Community Project
Bragtown School
606 Belvin Avenue
Durham, North Carolina 27707 Telephone: 919/477-1422

Contact Person: Theodore Schwartz

Purpose:

Utilizing the philosophy of re-education, the BCP offers a program for children with learning and/or behavioral problems. This program attempts to help the children acquire or strengthen the skills for successful movement through mainstream education.

Current activities:

Teacher consultations; special classroom for children (ages 10-13) who are not making adequate progress in the mainstream and have been referred to the project by either their regular classroom teacher, by their parents, or by themselves. Tutoring services for children in need of specific one-to-one academic remediation; BCP staff members provide individual counseling services for children not enrolled in the unit activities.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota
2414 Park Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404 Telephone: 612/871-0221

Contact Person: Executive Director

Purpose:

A church sponsored, statewide, multi-function agency with a social service program geared basically to meeting the needs of families, including counseling, residential treatment for emotionally disturbed and mentally retarded youth, unwed parent services, adoption services, services to probationed offenders, services to aging, statewide strategy for Lutheran service delivery system.

Current activities:

Family counseling in 7 locations. Treatment programs in 6 locations. Statewide adoption, unwed mother and child care services. Group homes for adult retarded. Life enrichment services. Human sexuality program. Resettlement of approximately 2,400 Vietnamese refugees.

Right to Read School Volunteer Program
Wilmington Public Schools
Administration Offices
1400 Washington Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19899 Telephone: 302/429-7195

Contact Person: Mrs. Vera Murray

Purpose:

To raise the reading achievement level of those students in grades one through three in the Wilmington Public School District who exhibit reading difficulties. Each child receives fifteen minutes of individual tutoring daily.

Current activities:

Recruitment and coordination of volunteer tutors as well as training of these tutors in the use of Harper Row tutoring kits designed to correlate with the Harper Row Reading Program currently in use in the Wilmington Public Elementary Schools. Also purchase of the Harper Row tutoring kits used in the program.

Youth Division
Bureau of Police - Youth Division
222 S.W. Pine
Portland, Oregon 97204 Telephone: 503/248-5662

Contact Person: Richard D. Walker

Purpose:

Protection of all youth under 18 years who come to the attention of the police department for some reason or another - Misdemeanor crimes committed by or against them.

Current activities:

Child Abuse investigations - - - Protection of the child
Actively looking for runaways - to locate them and refer them to help with their problems.
Actively investigate misdemeanors involving any youth and seek adjustments.
To provide referral service for youth and parents with problems.
Liaison work with schools, community agencies and youth agencies to inform and keep informed.

Interagency Council for Child Development Services
Office of the Governor
Capitol Complex
Charleston, West Virginia 25305 Telephone: 304/348-5360

Contact Person: John B. Himelrick, Sr.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Interagency Council is to provide, through the State level Interagency Council and Regional Interagency Boards, a mechanism for coordinating the efforts of all state agencies serving children in planning, developing and delivering comprehensive services to young children and their families. The Interagency Council also administers a limited number of programs for young children and their families.

Current activities:

The Interagency Council is responsible for coordinating services to young children and their families in West Virginia and carries out this function through a State Council consisting of the heads of all state agencies that provide services to young children. The Governor chairs this Council. Regional Interagency Boards oversee programs operating under the State Interagency Council. Included in such programs are projects in Comprehensive Child Care, Maternal and Child Health, Crippled Children, School-Age Parents, Mental Health, Protective Services, Early Detection and Remediation of Learning Disabilities and Infant Stimulation programs.

Office of Child Development

South Carolina Department of Social Services
P.O. Box 1520
Columbia, South Carolina 29202 Telephone: 803/758-7620

Contact Person: Betty V. Carnes

Purpose:

To maximize both funding and human resources to meet the child development needs of South Carolina's children and youth, especially those of pre-school age.

Current activities:

In addition to providing center-based child care programs through contracts with local agencies, the Office of Child Development is engaged in an infant motivation project, a family day care training van, health screenings for pre-school children. OCD offers services to child development programs in such areas as budget planning, technical assistance, licensing child care centers, curriculum development and planning staffing patterns.

Delaware Adolescent Program, Inc.

14th and Market Streets
Wilmington, Delaware 19801 Telephone: 302/652-3445

Contact Person: Lulu Mae Nix

Purpose:

Comprehensive program for school age parents, their families and children.

The program is statewide with one comprehensive center in each of the three counties in Delaware. Services include education, social services, medical and infant day care.

Current activities:

Continuing education, sex education, consumer and homemaking education, vocational education, prenatal and postpartum care, preparation for delivery, child care and development, well baby care, dental care, social service counseling of the mothers, fathers and families, legal assistance, day care for children from one week to 3 1/2 years of age.

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Name ______________________________

Program ______________________________

Address ______________________________

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